

July 2008



Carpinteria Valley Water District

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Governor proclaims Drought

Last month, Governor Schwarzenegger proclaimed a statewide drought and issued an Executive Order to deal with the water supply crisis. The crisis is the result of two consecutive years of below-average rainfall, very low snowmelt runoff and court-ordered restrictions on water transfers through the State Water Project facilities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Although the Governor declared the drought statewide, the severity varies from region to region across the state. The South Coast region, which includes the Carpinteria Valley, is fortunate that Lake Cachuma filled completely from rainfall during the past winter. The District has, therefore, felt little impact by the court action that restricts the timing and extent of transfers of water through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Moreover, CVWD's groundwater supply and local storage capabilities augment the water supplied from Lake Cachuma. These factors help reduce the impact of the statewide water shortage on Carpinteria Valley's water supply.

A key element of the Executive Order is to expedite water conservation at the local level. CVWD supports this effort and strongly encourages all Carpinteria Valley customers to use water efficiently both indoors and out. One way to increase awareness and make a personal commitment to reduce water use is by taking the "20 Gallon Challenge" at www.sbwater.org. The challenge allows water users to develop personalized plans to increase water conservation efforts. In addition, the District provides free water check-ups to help customers find leaks, weather-based irrigation controllers to qualifying customers, and low water using plant information. The District drought tolerant demonstration garden is available for self-guided tours. A list of plants is also available. Water saving tools such as low-flow garden nozzles, 1.5 gallon per minute (gpm) showerheads and shower timers are available for purchase at the District office. Saving a little bit of water every day will benefit our water supply and the Carpinteria Valley community.

Board of Directors Candidate Filing Period

Two Director positions are up for election on November 4, 2008. The candidate-filing period for those positions opens July 14, 2008 and closes at 5:00 p.m., August 8, 2008. The closing date will be extended to 5:00 p.m., August 13, 2008 for anyone other than the incumbents if any one of the incumbents has not filed by the initial 5:00 p.m. deadline on August 8, 2008. For more information, contact Charles Hamilton at 684-2816.

El Distrito es bilingue. Favor de llamar (805) 684-2816 con cualquier pregunta sobre su cuenta o el uso de agua, estamos aqui para asistirlos.

August Billing Statements

The District is converting to a new utility billing system. Your July bills, received in August, will arrive a few days later than usual to accommodate this software conversion. Please feel free to contact the District with any questions or concerns. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Water Quality Reports

The District's 2007 Annual Water Quality Report has been sent out and should have been received by Carpinteria Valley residents by July 1st. If you have not received the report, please contact Rhonda at 684-2816 to have one sent to you or download it from our website at www.cvwd.net.

Summer Conservation Media Campaign

CVWD, along with other local water agencies has begun its Summer Conservation Media Campaign. The campaign focuses on "The 20 gallon challenge" and promotes a variety of ways to reduce water use such as washing full loads of clothes and dishes, replacing turf landscaping with low-water using plants and adjusting irrigation schedules by using the watering index available at www.sbwater.org. The campaign ads will be aired in English and Spanish on cable and local television channels as well as local radio stations.



Employees Using Alternate Modes of Transportation

Pictured at left is Brian King, Senior Assistant Engineer. Brian regularly bikes to work from his home in Santa Barbara to the District office. Other employees have begun walking to work or taking public transit as a way of helping our environment.

July Board of Directors Meeting

The Board Meeting for the month of July will be:

**Wednesday July 23 4 pm District Boardroom
1301 Santa Ynez Ave**

Visit our website at www.cvwd.net for new and updated information.

Carpinteria Valley Water District Board of Directors

Frederick Lemere
President

June Van Wingerden
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James W. Drain
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Board Meetings

CVWD's Board of Directors regularly meets on the 3rd or 4th Wednesday of each month.

Regular meetings begin at 4 p.m., are open to the public, and are held at 1301 Santa Ynez Ave., Carpinteria.

For more information on the meeting schedule, phone (805) 684-2816

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