



May 2009

Carpinteria Valley Water District

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## ***Board Meeting and Public Hearing***

***Regarding the Budget, Water Rates and Charges***

***Wednesday, May 27, 2009  
at 7:00 p.m.***

***City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Avenue***

***Everyone welcome!***

CVWD's May 27th meeting will include a public hearing about the proposed budget, water rates and charges increases for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The purpose of such adjusted Rates and Charges is to fund the maintenance, operation, repair, construction, and improvement of water facilities of and for the Carpinteria Valley Water District.

The proposed 2009-2010 Budget will increase about 1 percent. The projected monthly bill increase for the average residential customer of the District using 12 units of water is \$2.28 or 2.3 percent.

CVWD's tiered rates vary based on average actual use of water. Please call the District at (805) 684-2816 ext. 117 if you would like to know more specifically how the proposed Rates and Charges increases are likely to affect your monthly bill.

## ***Water Rate Comparison***

Listed below are typical monthly bill amounts for water purveyors for the South Coast of Santa Barbara County. The bills reflect usage of 10 and 20 units of water, as of April 2009.

<b>Water Purveyor</b>	<b>10 units</b>	<b>20 units</b>
Carpinteria Valley Water District	\$65.57 - \$93.16	\$95.57 - \$133.76
Goleta Water District	\$64.73	\$101.83
Montecito Water District	\$69.95	\$108.95
City of Santa Barbara	\$50.71	\$96.11

CVWD's comparatively high rates reflect the costs of major new facilities to ensure safe drinking water - two large reservoir covers, a new storage tank, and a new well - and State Water costs. The District has recently taken steps to reduce State Water debt, and may succeed with another reduction this year.

CVWD's low end amount reflects customers participating in the District's Lifeline Program. For more information or to see if you qualify, see Lifeline section.

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.

## May Board of Directors Meetings

The Board Meetings for the month of May:

Wednesday, May 13th - District Boardroom, 4 p.m.  
1301 Santa Ynez Ave

Wednesday, May 27th - City Hall, 7 p.m.  
5775 Carpinteria Ave

## Lifeline

The District's **Lifeline Customer Assistance Program** provides reduced rates for customers of Southern California Edison's Care Program and/or Southern California Gas Company. Bring in your Edison or gas bill confirming your participation in the Care Program and CVWD will apply a 20% credit to your total Monthly Service Charge.

El Distrito's **Programa Lifeline** ofrece tarifas reducidas para los clientes que participan en el Programa C.A.R.E. de la compañía de luz o gas. Favor de traer su factura para confirmar su participación. El Distrito aplicará un crédito de 20% de sus Cargos de Servicio Mensuales. El Distrito es bilingüe, por favor llame con cualquier pregunta.

## Water Served Upon Request

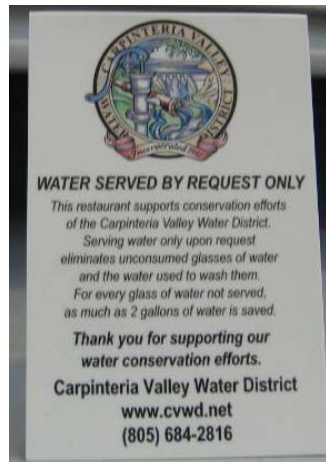
Restaurants in Carpinteria can reduce the amount of water they use with the *Water Served Upon Request Program*. The District has 4x6 inch vertical table tents available with the following message:

### Water Served By Request Only

*This restaurant supports conservation efforts of the Carpinteria Valley Water District. Serving water only upon request eliminates unconsumed glasses of water and the water used to wash them. For every glass of water not served, as much as 2 gallons of water is saved. Thank you for supporting our water conservation efforts.*

The "**as much as 2 gallons of water**" serves as a reference point for restaurant patrons. The actual amount of water saved can be more or less depending on the water saving practices of each individual restaurant.

To participate in the *Water Served Upon Request Program*, please contact Rhonda at (805) 684-2816 x 116 or email [rhonda@cvwd.net](mailto:rhonda@cvwd.net)



## Carpinteria Valley Water District Board of Directors

Frederick Lemere  
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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

### Staff

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