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Carpinteria Valley Water District

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CVWD Inventories Fire Hydrants Using Global Positioning System (GPS)

The Carpinteria Valley Water District has entered the digital age! For many years the District has been collecting plans and sketches of its facilities and using this paper collection as its living record. Over the last 50 years many of these paper records are disintegrating or have become lost. Additionally, every time a change occurs to any facility a sketch is made and attached to the file of maps. This method has led to a large volume of paper documents that take up needed space and are at risk of becoming lost or damaged. In an effort to manage paper and information more efficiently the Engineering Department has converted much of this information into a digital drawing format known as Geographic Information System (GIS) over the last several years. Now that a comprehensive digital map has been constructed using existing paper records, District Staff is in the process of taking inventory, in the field, of all the facilities using a GPS enabled data collector. Most recently completed was an inventory of the location and condition of all 419 District fire hydrants. Using the new verified data, a wall map has been completed and supplied to the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District for their use. Our hope is that the digital mapping program will be beneficial to the District and the Carpinteria Valley community in many ways.



The yellow circles in the picture at left, indicate the location of fire hydrants in this industrial neighborhood "snap shot" of the District's Fire Hydrant Inventory Map.

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.

Unexpected Water Line Leaks Put a Drain on Your Wallet

Have your service lines checked for leaks!

One of the primary functions of the District is to maintain its distribution system against leaks to ensure that water delivery to customers is uninterrupted. Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD) repairs leaks from the water main to the meter. The homeowner is, however, responsible for repairing service lines from the meter to the home. Over time, age and unpreventable environmental conditions such as ground shifting, changing soil conditions and tree root infiltration may cause your service line to deteriorate or crack causing a leak. These leaks can greatly affect your wallet since you are charged for the water that runs through the meter. The District provides some relief, upon written request, for customers who experience an unusually high bill due to an unforeseen leak, but it is to your advantage to have your service lines inspected before such an event occurs. Our customer service representative can assist you in determining if you have a water leak. Call (805) 684-2816 to schedule an appointment if you suspect a water leak, or just want a preventative check-up.

Second Rain Barrel Sale

The Rain Barrel Sale held on September 26th at Santa Barbara City College was a huge success. Approximately 600 rain barrels sold out before noon. A second Rain Barrel Sale will be held:

Saturday, November 21st, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
SBCC Parking Lot 3
(corner of Shoreline Drive & Loma Alta Drive)

For more information, visit www.sbwater.org/rainbarrel

November Holiday Schedule

The District Office will be open on Veterans Day, November 11th.

The District Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The District will reopen for business on Monday, November 30th.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Board of Directors Meetings

The Board Meetings for the month of **November**:

Wednesday	November 4
Wednesday	November 11
Wednesday	November 18

The meetings will be held at **4:00 p.m.** in the District Boardroom, 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue.

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