



December 2009

Carpinteria Valley Water District

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District Says No to COMB's Second Barrel

After months of discussions and exchanges with Cachuma Operation Maintenance Board (COMB) staff and other Cachuma agencies, the Board of Directors of Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD) decided to exercise its right to opt out of the proposed \$10 million Second Barrel Project. District participation would have cost at least \$1.15 million, coming out of its reserves or adding another \$3.4 million of long term revenue bond debt to the District's heavy debt structure.

The Board simply concluded that it could neither afford nor justify participation in this costly Project. The Project is nicknamed the "Second Barrel" Project because it will result in construction of a second, redundant pipeline (about 8,200 feet) from the south portal of the Tecolote Tunnel near Glen Annie to Goleta Water District's Corona del Mar Treatment Plant. It is deemed necessary by COMB as a way to address reliability concerns about the existing aging and corroding South Coast Conduit structure. Other benefits related to system carrying capacity will accrue largely to Goleta Water District and the City of Santa Barbara.

About a year ago the District began to raise objections about the equity of using the traditional Cachuma member agency cost sharing formula based on 1950's Cachuma Project water entitlement for this project. The other COMB agencies disagreed with the District. Some contribution to the project may yet be determined by the CVWD Board of Directors related to the existing South Coast Conduit (SCC). The SCC wheels the District's Cachuma and State Water to the Cater Treatment Plant in Santa Barbara where it is treated and distributed for use in the Carpinteria Valley.



Holiday Schedule

The District Office will be closed at noon on Thursday, December 24th through Friday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday and at noon on Thursday, December 31st through Friday, January 1, 2010 for the New Year's holiday.

In case of emergency, call (805) 684-2816 for assistance.

Happy Holidays from the Board of Directors and Staff!

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.

New Meter Readers!

CVWD has contracted and hired Alexander's Inc. to read the District's water meters, beginning this month. You will be able to distinguish Alexander employees by their orange vests with "Meter Reader" across the back. They will be in the Carpinteria area the last six working days of the month. Alexander's utilizes an interactive website which will interface with the District's current utility billing system *and* allow District billing staff to view data regarding the reading process. For more information or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Business Manager, Norma Rosales at (805) 684-2816 ext. 105.

Smart Landscape Rebates Available Now!

Get a Rebate for up to 50% of the Material Costs of **Approved** Irrigation Equipment, Water-wise Plants and Mulch, and Smart Irrigation Controllers.

- Any combination of irrigation equipment and planting costs may qualify for a one-time, maximum rebate of \$500.
- Participation in the Smart Landscape Rebate Program is on a first-come, first-served basis for CVWD **residential and commercial** customers.
- **Projects must be approved in advance** and landscapes for new construction are not eligible.
- Sales receipts and/or contractor invoices are required for all rebates.
- Purchase and installation of pre-approved irrigation equipment and plantings must be installed within 60 days of Pre-Qualification Inspection.

Participation in CVWD's Smart Landscape Rebate Program is on a first-come, first served basis.

For more information contact Rhonda at 684-2816 ext. 116 or visit http://www.cvwd.net/comm_conserve_rebate.htm

Board of Directors Meetings

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

**Wednesday December 9 5:30 pm City Hall
5775 Carpinteria Ave**

**Wednesday December 16 4:00 pm District Board Room
1301 Santa Ynez Ave**

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