



January 2010

Carpinteria Valley Water District

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Happy New Year from the Board of Directors and Staff!

District Board Votes to Withdraw from Cachuma Conservation Release Board

At the December 16th Board meeting, Board Directors voted to withdraw from the Cachuma Conservation Release Board (CCRB) effective January 1, 2011. The decision was made as part of this year's effort to reduce the level of CVWD's discretionary spending where feasible and cost effective. The cost of belonging to CCRB for fiscal year 2009 was \$221,162, up from \$168,133 the previous year. The Board believes that the District can more effectively address and defend its Cachuma water rights with its own staff resources and legal counsel as needed.

In 1973, CVWD along with the City of Santa Barbara, Goleta Water District and Montecito Water District formed the CCRB, a joint powers authority, to represent their Cachuma Project water rights. Modern technologies, however, have increased the District's accessibility to information through the internet, enabling rapid exchange of documents and communications related to water rights and other public trust issues. Other reasons supporting the decision to withdraw membership include the District's better understanding and management of its local, sustainable, and least costly groundwater supply source, and the ability of District staff to critically analyze data and information regarding water rights and impact to CVWD. There is, also, no longer the same justification for the cost sharing formula set forth in the 1974 CCRB agreement based on 1950's Cachuma entitlements.

The District will continue to strive for collaboration and excellence in this new relationship with its Cachuma partners in Montecito, Santa Barbara, and Goleta. CVWD remains a committed member of the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board (COMB). COMB is the agency responsible for the operation and maintenance of the South Coast Conduit system that distributes the District's Cachuma and State Water to Carpinteria Valley.



January Holiday Schedule

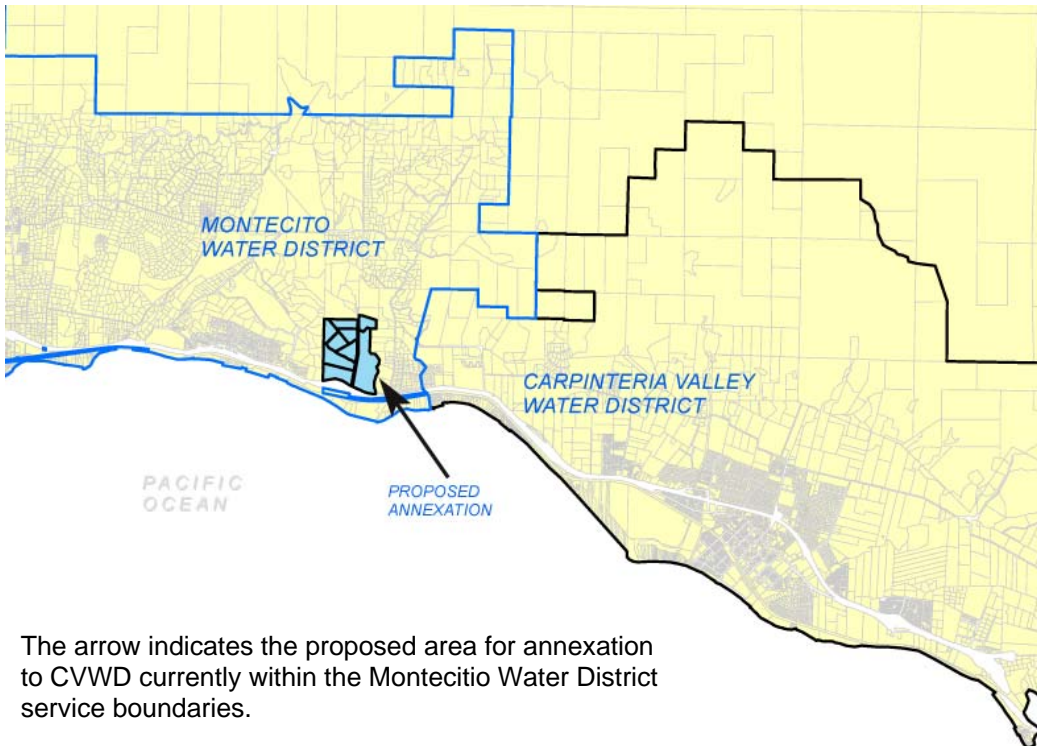
The District Office will be **closed Monday, January 18, 2010** in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

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

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Proposed Service Boundary Area Reorganization

Currently nine Montecito Water District (MWD) customers are proposed for annexation into the CVWD service area sometime in 2010. The proposed annexed area is in Carpinteria Valley's Lambert Road area near lower Toro Canyon. Compelling the annexation is MWD's determination that historically-utilized sources of water supply are no longer adequate to meet the growing demand of its customers. Although the MWD Board of Directors recently adopted ordinances redefining use classifications and limiting supply to new customers along with a restructuring of their water rates, an inadequate water supply remains a problem. On the other hand, CVWD enjoys an abundance of water supplies due to the availability of an extensive and productive groundwater basin, its Cachuma entitlement and its State Water Project allotment. With the additional water demand of the proposed annexed area, CVWD can still continue to meet all its short-term and long-term water needs and remain in the position to serve new customers.



The arrow indicates the proposed area for annexation to CVWD currently within the Montecito Water District service boundaries.

Board of Directors Meetings

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

Wednesday	January 13	5:30 pm	City Hall 5775 Carpinteria Ave
Wednesday	January 20	4:00 pm	District Board Room 1301 Santa Ynez Ave

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