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Carpinteria Valley Water District

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## **Carpinteria Valley Water District is 70 Years Old!**

Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD) was incorporated 70 years ago in 1941 in conformance with County Water District Law Section 30000 of the California Water Code!

### **Some Basic Facts**

The first elected Directors of the governing Board of Carpinteria Valley Water District were Lawrence Bailard, Clarence Sawyer, Stanley Shepard, Burchell Upson, and Max Young.

Elections of Directors are held every two years, two in one year and three in the other, and the next election will be held in November of 2012.

The District's three sources of water supply are local groundwater from District wells; Lake Cachuma Water from the Santa Ynez River watershed; and State Water from northern California.

Local groundwater is treated by the District. Imported Cachuma and State Water are treated at the Cater Treatment Plant in Santa Barbara through a joint powers agreement of the City of Santa Barbara, Montecito and Carpinteria Valley Water Districts.

The District participates in two other Joint Powers Agencies. For Cachuma water, the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board (COMB) also includes the member agencies of the City of Santa Barbara, and Montecito, Goleta, and Santa Ynez (ID#1) water districts. For State Water, the Central Coast Water Authority also includes the member agencies of the cities of Santa Maria, Buellton, Guadalupe, and the aforementioned COMB member agencies.

The District is regulated carefully by the California Department of Public Health to ensure that it meets all state and federal drinking water standards.

Currently budgeted for a total of 20 full and part-time employees, the District, under the direction of a general manager hired by the Board of Directors, maintains a 24/7 workday schedule to carry out its vital function as the public health and safety water purveyor for the Carpinteria Valley.

The District's service area boundaries include all of the City of Carpinteria; about 70 percent of the District's total service area is zoned for agriculture by the County of Santa Barbara.

### ***Board of Directors Meetings***

Regular Board meetings may be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm at Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Avenue. The Board may also hold regular Board meetings other Wednesdays of the month at 5:30 pm at the District Offices at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue.

## ***Water Efficient Landscape Transformation***



Pictured above is customer Don Reimel's front yard at the beginning of making landscape changes and participating in the District's Smart Landscape Rebate Program. Mr. Reimel removed his entire front lawn by hand. Below, is the transformed front yard, which was designed by his daughter, Courtney. Now, instead of the water thirsty lawn, the yard features a walk way and sitting area flanked by low water using plants. Don says he watered the area "only once this past summer!" His favorite plants are Silver Carpet Beach Aster, Hummingbird Sage, Yerba Buena, Emeral Carpet Manzanita, McMinn Manzanita, CA Fuchsia and the both types of Fremonttandenrons (Ken Taylor and Californicum). The most expensive plant cost about \$30 but most were in the range of \$7-10 and many can be purchased locally.



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.

### **Carpinteria Valley**

#### **Water District**

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