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Carpinteria Valley Water District

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The District will be **closed Wednesday, July 4th** in observance of the **Independence Day Holiday**.
In case of emergency, call (805) 684-2816.



Heard About the Recent Water Emergencies in Gobernador Canyon and on Shepard Mesa??!!

No, there weren't any....unless you were in the shoes of District employees Greg Stanford, Lance Edmondson and Omar Castro. Their emergency began on Monday, June 11 at 9:40 a.m. after an Edison meter meltdown affected the Water District's pumps and motors for Lateral 30 to Gobernador Canyon and Shepard Mesa. District motor and pump # 1 immediately failed (and eventually had to be removed and re-wound in Ventura). And Lance, Greg and Omar worked until 2 a.m. the next morning in conjunction with Edison until the power company disabled its power transformer.

Then at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13, District pump and motor #2 failed (and is in the process of being rewound in Ventura).

Fortunately, pump and motor #3 did not fail, and was able to run on the District's diesel fuel powered emergency generator until 2 p.m. on Friday, June 15 when Edison installed a new meter, a new and larger transformer and new leads and restored power.

Greg and Lance worked until 7:30 p.m. that Friday to install the newly re-wound motor for pump # 1.

Had the District's back-up generator system not worked, or failed, the District would have had to take water from its emergency connection with Casitas Municipal Water District and notify all residents of the problems associated with chloraminated water.

Carpinteria Valley Water District, as a public health and safety utility, requires its Field employees to respond to emergencies, big and little, at all times. The District always has one employee on-call to respond 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Most of the District's emergency service call-outs go unnoticed by the general public.

Shown in the pictures below are Water Treatment Foreman Greg Stanford and Treatment Operator Lance Edmondson installing the rewind motor #1. Lance had been making twice daily trips until then to keep the diesel fuel tank full.



Water Efficiency Workshop for Ag Customers



Pictured standing at left is Ben Faber, UC Cooperative Extension Farm Advisor speaking at the District's June 13th, Water Efficiency Workshop for Agricultural customers. Other speakers included Robert Fastenau with the Department of Water Resources - CIMIS Division and Kevin Peterson with the Cachuma Resource Conservation District, Mobile Lab Program. Approximately 25 area farmers attended the event which focused on water efficient irrigation methods, technology, and programs available to farmers.

Board of Directors Meetings

Regular Board meetings may be held on any given Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm at Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave. They are typically held on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

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