

# Water News

Fall 2003

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## Free Showerhead, Garden Nozzle and Faucet Aerator

The Carpinteria Valley Water District will provide a low flow showerhead, garden nozzle and a faucet aerator free of charge when a **complimentary** water savings survey is performed on your home. A customer service representative will conduct a survey to help you locate leaks and causes of unusually high water use, as well as recommend other water saving measures that you can implement. The District also offers the low-flow showerheads and garden nozzles at minimal cost for sale at the District office. For further information regarding the complimentary water saving survey and/or to make an appointment, please call 684-2816.



## Fall into Water Savings Water Tips for the Fall Season



Most over-watering occurs during the fall. Shallow roots will result if fall watering is not decreased. Rain worsens the problem by adding more water to already wet soil. By giving plants only the water they need, you can reduce root rot, reduce water bills and reduce water runoff.

Please remember to inspect your irrigation system for excess run off into the street. Be sure to adjust your sprinklers to ensure maximum coverage for your lawn and plants, minimizing overflow into sidewalks, driveways and into storm drains.

Another way to conserve is by watering in the early morning. During the cooler morning hours, less evaporation takes place, and there is less wind to scatter the droplets onto sidewalks and driveways where water is wasted.

If you have questions about watering, water conservation tools for your garden, or would like a complimentary water savings survey, please call (805) 684-2816.

### The District will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Thanksgiving 11/27/03 & 11/28/03  
Christmas Eve Noon on 12/24/03  
Christmas Day 12/25/03  
New Year's Eve Noon on 12/31/03  
New Year's Day 01/01/04

*El Distrito es bilingue. Favor de  
llamar con cualquier pregunta sobre  
su cuenta o el uso de agua, estamos  
agua para asistirlos.*

# Carpinteria Valley

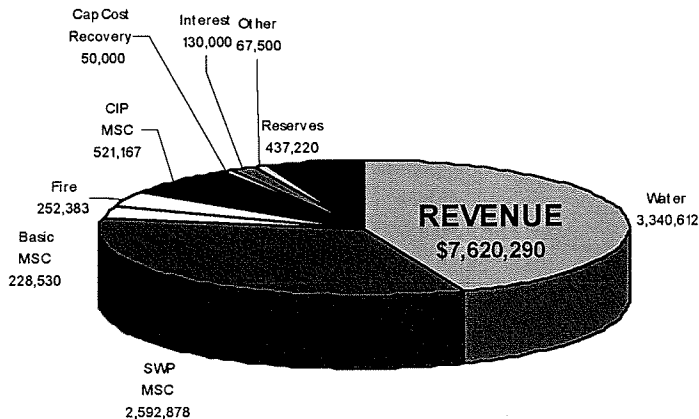
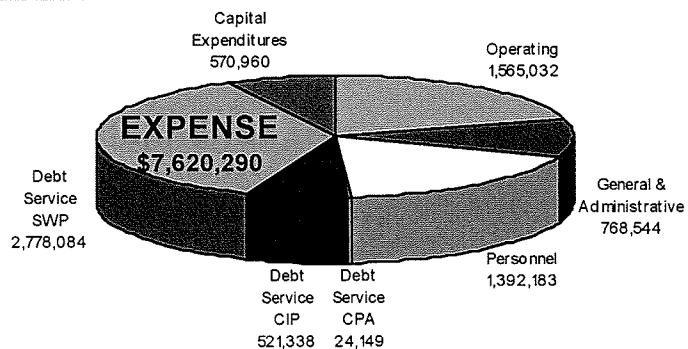
## Water District



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### 2003-2004 Budget

The CVWD Board of Directors unanimously approved its \$7.62 million FY 2003/2004 budget in June, including an operating budget of \$3.73 million, a debt service budget of \$3.32 million and capital expenditures of \$570,960.



MSC - Monthly Service Charge  
CPA - Cachuma Project Authority  
CIP - Capital Improvement Program  
SWP - State Water Project

# Capital Improvement Program Status Report – October 2003

## Carpinteria Reservoir Cover

This \$6 million project is now entering its final construction phase. Civil site work, almost a complete overhaul of the reservoir foundation, was completed earlier this year. The actual cover is expected to be constructed on the federally owned reservoir by the end of December of this year. This drinking water quality improvement project is a response to the California Department of Health Services 1995 policy addressing open reservoirs, and will greatly assist the District in continuing to meet drinking water quality standards. It will also address major security concerns. It will be funded by a low interest loan from the California Department of Health Services.

## Water Storage Tank

This \$5.5 million project has progressed through the environmental review and permitting phase, and the annexation has been completed. The Project consists of the construction of a **3 million gallon (MG) underground water storage tank** and related facilities for District purposes, **annexation** to the District of 2,265 acres of mostly Rancho Monte Alegre (RMA) lands, and construction of **water facilities for purposes of serving RMA properties**. The 3MG permanent storage tank is a response to the District need for temporary water storage when the Ortega Reservoir (see below) is taken out of service to be covered. The District Board of Directors decided that it was not prudent to spend a large amount of money on a temporary storage tank. Built, however, as a permanent storage facility, in an optimal location, the 3 MG tank will have long lasting benefit to the District. It will enable efficient utilization of District wells, help the District meet the new and more stringent water quality standards set by the EPA, and provide local independence and reliability for the delivery of water to most all of the customers within the City of Carpinteria. The annexation is part of an agreement with RMA enabling the District to buy the land needed for the Storage Tank and fulfills the District's long standing request that RMA become

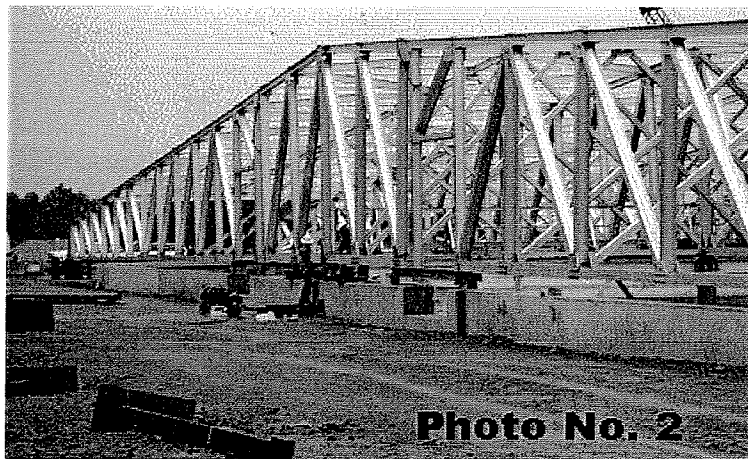
a part of the District instead of developing its own separate water system. Water and related facilities for RMA are necessary to provide water to support many acres of avocado and olive orchards as well as serve existing and future home sites on the ranch. The Environmental Impact Report for this complex project was approved by the Board of Directors on January 8, 2003 and has since upheld a legal challenge. All annexation and RMA facility costs are being paid for by RMA. District costs will be funded by proceeds from the January 2000 sale of Certificates of Participation (COPs) if grants or a loan from the State of California are not obtained.

## Ortega Reservoir Cover

This \$11 million project, planned for the same reasons as the Carpinteria Reservoir project, is now scheduled to go forward in 2004. Located in Summerland in an area that is now served by the Montecito Water District, the federally owned Ortega Reservoir serves the Carpinteria Valley as well as the Summerland area. Montecito Water District is the lead agency for this project and is paying for half of the \$11 million cost. Carpinteria Valley Water District will utilize low interest loan funds from the California Department of Health Services to pay for its \$5.5 million share of the Project.

## New Headquarters Well

This \$1.8 million well and iron and manganese filtration plant project has gotten off to a successful start. A potential problem identified with a gasoline release at a nearby gas station and the threat of MTBE contamination has been resolved. The well has been drilled and found to be a big producer, capable of up to 1,500 gallons per minute. The well project has been expanded to include injection capabilities with the assistance of a \$125,000 grant from the Department of Water Resources. This new well replaces the loss of groundwater supply associated with a failed well on the same District headquarters site nearby. A low interest loan from the Department of Health Services will fund this project.



A view of the Carpinteria Reservoir cover construction.

Photo courtesy of Padre, Inc.

## Holly Street Improvement Project



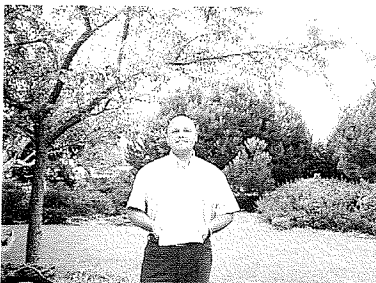
This summer the District relocated 250 feet of water main on Holly Street between Third and Dorrance. The existing 4-inch water main was approximately 15 feet offset from the edge of the pavement.



Relocating the main eliminated the possibility of a main break in a resident's front yard and increased the water line's capacity. The new 6 inch PVC main is now in the street. Additional improvements associated with the project include repair work to existing valves at the tie-in points, new service lines and line valves. CVWD crews completed the project.



## New Employees



The District's new Superintendent, Omar Castro, formerly with Casitas Municipal Water District, started his position at the District in August.



The District's new Administrative Assistant, Suzie Lara, formerly with CA National Bank.