

News from the GM

MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

DISTRICT HOURS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- This month's Board meeting is Tuesday, September 8th at 2:00pm
- Office Hours Change
- Public Meeting Hours Change
- Office CLOSED 21st thru 25th this month.
- Please call the office with any questions or to receive financial assistance on your bill.

Lots of changes went into effect today. At the last regular meeting of the Board in August it was decided that the hours of operation for the office and the scheduled time for meetings should change.

Starting September 1st, 2009 the District office will only be open three weeks out of the month to accept payments. It will normally shut down during the third week of the month in an effort to further reduce District costs. This month the office will be closed during the week of the 21st through the 25th. You can still drop your payments off in the drop box we have provided in front of the office. We will still be posting payments everyday. Also you can reach the after hours number at 760-912-9400 if you have an urgent request or an emergency situation.

The start time for regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors was changed back to 2:00pm. This will help to reduce our electricity costs by not having to stay open the extra hours. The Board was sad to make the change since they had started having the meetings at 6:00pm to encourage District participation. Since we rarely had an audience they felt the cost savings in electricity would be more beneficial to the district.

DISTRICT STANDPIPES

Director Crimmins had asked that replacement of the District standpipes be placed on the agenda. Fire protection has always been one of his key issues while on the Board. He asked for a total count of standpipes vs hydrants so that we could come up with a long range plan to replace all the old standpipes with newer 3 position hydrants. These hydrants are operated by the top nut above the ground unlike our current standpipes which must be opened with an underground street key. He felt that firefighter unfamiliarity with this arraignment was too great a risk to the constituents

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Office Hours: 9:00am-1:00pm M-F
Closed the 3rd week of every month

August Regular Meeting of the Board
The following Actions occurred at the August 11th Regular meeting.

District office Hours were changed
Time for Regular & Special Meeting of the Board were changed
A Replacement program was started for the District's Fire Standpipes

Agenda Items for the September Regular Meeting

Staff Training Requests
County Code Compliance Issues at 9590 Manzanita Street

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of the District. The Board worked out a long range plan that would have the GM replace one to two standpipes per month (when the budget allowed) for a total of 21 months. This way we could be up to date in less than two years while still funding our other Capital Improvement plans. So watch for the maintenance crews in the coming months!

W A T E R D I S T R I C T M A I N T E N A N C E

Well the District work crews are out again in force with the Valves and Hydrant maintenance program. They are exercising the street valves and hydrants ensuring that they will work when we need them. This is a 6 month program where every valve and hydrant in the District is inspected, functionally checked, lubricated and repaired as necessary. Once completed they start all over again. This ensures that every item is seen twice a year. So please watch for the crews when you are out driving in the District. They will have on their reflective vests and will be using traffic cones where applicable. But exercising some of these valves puts them in the center of the street and in danger so please watch out.

As always you the consumer are my best set of eyes in the District. If you see water leaking, or something broken please call me immediately at 760-912-9400. That way we can get it repaired right away. Remember this number is your 24 hour a day, 7 days a week contact to your General Manager. Don't be afraid to use it!