

News from the GM

MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

WE MADE IT !

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST :

- This month's Board meeting is Tuesday, February 9th at 12:00 noon
- Office CLOSED 15th thru 19th this month.
- Please call the office with any questions or to receive financial assistance with your bill.

Well it looks like we have survived the storms and flooding with just a few bumps and bruises. Our roads were turned into slimy goo with lakes of water flowing into mini Grand Canyons. We had exposed gas lines, water lines and everything else you can think of.

We only lost water service one time throughout the mess. On Tuesday night the 26th, we were having some donated dirt delivered to finish filling in the dangerous canyon on Sagebrush street when the dump truck ran over a hidden valve cover. This broke a four inch line leading to a fire hydrant on Ocotillo street at the ten inch main. But with the quick response of High Desert Underground, and your district employees we were only down in a few isolated areas for around two hours. Thanks for the patience and understanding of all you folks that called.

We are definitely a resilient lot up here in the Marianas. We took everything mother nature could throw at us, did without safe roads, and even had to be without water for a period of time. I can't think of one person who had a cross word to say. Quite the contrary. Most of the responses were, "How can I help?" or "Do you need some help?". I would like to personally thank all those who gave their time, effort and machinery to get our district roads back into shape and safe once again.

Our folks here in this district have renewed my faith in people. I am proud to live among the good people of the Mariana Ranchos!

OFFICE CLOSURE FOR THIS MONTH

In the month of February the office will be closed during the week of the 15th thru the 19th. This allows the District to save money on electricity and gas by keeping the employees in the field during the hours the office is normally open.

**EMERGENCY AND AFTER HOURS
PLEASE CALL 760-912-9400**

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Closed the 3rd week of every month

January Regular Meeting of the Board

The following Actions occurred at the January 12th Regular meeting.

The Board elected Becky Sipes Secretary. The Board levied a \$600 fine for tampering with district property.

The Board approved starting every meeting with an Invocation.

The Board moved the meeting time from 2:00pm to 12:00 noon.

The Board approved the revision to the Employee Personnel Manual.

Agenda Items for the February Regular Meeting

Appoint the Finance/Budget & Master Plan committees.

Closed session for General Managers review.

Presentation on accepting electronic transactions and paperless statements.

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

W E R E A L L Y N E E D Y O U R H E L P

A couple of weeks ago, I was talking with a customer, and he gave us some very valuable pieces of information about the main line replacement on Allegra Vista street many years ago. It got your Board Vice-President and I thinking...With the bad to non-existent "as-built" maps we have here at the district, our customers could be our best resource.

If any of you remember anything about the last time we dug up your street to place a fire hydrant, or run a new pipeline, please give me a call. No item, or piece of information is too small. The information I spoke about above led us to a buried valve that was not listed on the maps, and probably hasn't seen the light of day for many years. But it cleared up a major issue we have had with the Ocotillo road connection, and will now allow us to move on with our renovation of Allegra Vista street.

Please call, drop by or jot down a note and enclose it with your bill. Any information you have will be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, Would you make a note on your bill this month to let me know if you would like to make your payments online, have email statements, or use your ATM/credit card to make your payments. What else could we do along these lines? Thanks in advance for your help!