

News from the GM

MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

TRAINING

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- This month's Board meeting is Tuesday, November 9th at 12:00 pm
- Office CLOSED 22nd thru 26th this month.
- Please call the office with any questions or to receive financial assistance with your bill.

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All Directors and employees of this District take their training very seriously. We train ourselves not only to learn a new task or procedure, but also to sharpen our skills on something that we are already familiar with. Such will be the case on November 9th at 8:00am. Your Directors along with Directors, secretaries and employees from other Districts around us are going to be attending "Brown Act Training" This specialized training is aimed at improving our knowledge and understanding of the Ralph M. Brown act in California. You can google Brown Act or California Code - Section 54950 for more information. It is basically the Open Meeting law for California. With items like the city of Bell showing up in the news, we expect to see changes and additions to existing laws. Your Directors take this very seriously. In fact, they have asked me to invite all of you to attend so that you can become more familiar with your "rights" under the Ralph M. Brown act. Our training will start at 8:00am and run up till the business portion of our regular Board meeting at 12:00pm. I hope to see you there!

We also host at least two training classes every month here at the office. They are normally on the first Tuesday & Wednesday from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The subjects are varied so please call the office for a complete listing. This is one of the many ways we ensure that your Directors are among the best educated and most informed people in the High Desert region.

OFFICE CLOSURE FOR THIS MONTH

In the month of November, the office will be closed during the week of the 22nd thru the 26th. 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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Office Hours: 9:00am-1:00pm M-F
Closed the 3rd week of every month

October Regular Meeting of the Board

The following actions took place:
Closed Session Procedures were finalized.
Late-Fee schedule was reviewed.
Ideas for Outside water sales
Discussed Public Records request
Discussed Attorney contract for next year

Agenda Items for the November Regular Meeting

Brown Act Training by Ca Rural Water
Grants/Loans update to Board Members
Discuss and approve 'Amicus Curiae' letter of
assistance requested by Yorba Linda Water.
Discuss LAFCO Notice of Protest Hearing for CSA
17 set for November 16, 2010.
Finish Electronic Meeting Participation (from
Sept)

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

I received an email from the American Water Works Association the other day. They were asking me to review a column in the New York Times that was written about water infrastructure in America. It's a great little piece from Bob Hebert. I have enclosed the link <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/26/opinion/26herbert.html> in the hopes that you can find the time to read it. We are living in a scary time in the US. We here at MRCWD can appreciate a lot of what Mr. Hebert is talking about in his article. How many times have you seen your maintenance crews, or other districts maintenance crews digging up and fixing another water line. Our pipes are old (some since World War II) and in need of replacement. That's the reason for the \$1.9 million dollar project here in the district!

While you are reading Mr. Hebert's article, please note the link he gives for the survey done by ITT Corporation. I think you will find it very interesting. At least we are finally becoming aware of what's out there...and how it could directly affect us here at MRCWD.

In the coming months your Board of Directors are going to have special "education" days just for you. It will be a time where we can answer questions you may have about our system here at MRCWD. It will also be a time to demonstrate what we need to accomplish, why it must be done and lastly how long it will take. I look forward to seeing you then!

"The mission of the Mariana Ranchos County Water District is to efficiently serve our customers with the highest quality water, 24/7."