

# News from the GM

## MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

### IT'S FINALLY HERE !

It has taken over two years and lot's of research. It's something you have asked for almost every day here at the District. It will save you time, money and make it extremely easy to pay your water bill.

#### Electronic statements with ACH and payments by plastic!

On March 9th your Board of Directors had the insight, resolve and dedication to implement something that has been sorely need by this District for many years. We are now in the mainstream with many (if not all) of your other utility and credit card bills. You can view, print, download and even pay your water bill online! After months of research the Directors selected El Dorado Software and Invoice Cloud to bring us into the 21st Century. Every customer of MRCWD will have their bill available online starting April 1st, 2010. Please see my enclosed letter in this months billing for more information. Try it! I'm sure that you will like it!

### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

With summer quickly approaching it's time to start thinking about conservation again. We did well last year. We only used 60 acft of water over our allotment. But we can do better! It looks like MWA is going to extend the Cash for Grass program again this year. Please contact Becky for further information. I am going to be adding to the Conservation links on the website. We will have the AWAC Plant of the month again as well as various flyers about conservation events around the Victor Valley. Check in often as there are one or two events a month.

### OFFICE CLOSURE FOR THIS MONTH

In the month of April the office will be closed during the week of the 19th thru the 23rd. 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.

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- This month's Board meeting is Tuesday, April 13th at 1:00 pm
- Finance Committee meets April 2nd @ 11:00 am
- Office CLOSED 19th thru 23rd this month.
- Please call the office with any questions or to receive financial assistance with your bill.

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

### March Regular Meeting of the Board

The following Actions occurred at the March 9th Regular meeting.

Electronic presentation & E-billing was approved

President's letter to LAFCO requesting acceptance of new rate structure.

Various nominees were discussed for ACWA/JPIA and CSDA.

CA form 700s were discussed and signed.

Employee pay schedule was approved.

### Agenda Items for the April Regular Meeting

Complete nominations on candidates for LAFCO & CSDA elections.

Demonstration on use of new electronic presentation & E-billing system

#### CLOSED SESSION:

Review reciprocal agreements with neighboring Districts. **NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

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

As our meter replacement program is winding down for this year, I wanted to update you on our progress. In the last two years we have replaced just under 200 meters! Some of these meters had been in the ground in excess of 20 years. This is twice their expected life span. Now, we not only have a safer system from the bacteriological standpoint but a more accurate system that will fairly represent the amounts of water used. This will enable the folks that use more to pay their fair share of the overages we are responsible for each and every year.

Please watch for us! Now that the heavy seasonal rains are over the District has the unenviable task of digging out all out valve access covers. This places your service techs and General Manager in some precarious places in the road, around corners and next to drive-ways. Please slow down if you see us out there working. We wear the reflector vests so you can see us from afar. Please slow down! I can't tell you the number of times District residents have sped by leaving us in a cloud of dust and gravel. Just a few moments of your time will go along way in promoting the safety of your District employees. Always remember...we have families to go home to too!

Lastly, but equally important! Steve's son Aiden Lattin was born on Thursday, March 4th. Rose (mom) and Aiden are doing great! Congratulate Steve when you see him. The District is proud to have a new family member!