

News from the GM

MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

IT'S FINALLY HERE !

It has taken over two years and lots 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. Remember, your bill is available online now! Please log in to view it, pay it, or just print it out. Try it! I'm sure that you will like it!

WATER CONSERVATION

As promised, we have updated the website with lots of conservation information and links for you. Please visit our website at www.marianaranchoscmd.org. Once there, click on Water Usage, then Conservation. We have listed links to various agencies for tips on water conservation. We have also provided the link for cash incentives on things like Cash for Grass, replacement toilets and washing machines. I've also posted the "Plant of the Month" as well as the link to the archive. I hope you find this information useful. Together, we can all save a little more!

OFFICE CLOSURE FOR THIS MONTH

In the month of May the office will be closed during the week of the 17th thru the 21st. 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, May 11th at 12:00 pm
- Office CLOSED 17th thru 21st 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

April Regular Meeting of the Board

The following Actions occurred at the April 13th Regular meeting.

Resolution 10-09 Director's Compensation was passed.

The online bill payment presentation went great.

Approval of Financial Goal Statement was tabled until Finance/Master Plan Committees could finish.

No Action was taken in Closed Session

Agenda Items for the May Regular Meeting

Discuss and approve Finance Committee

recommendations for Budget/Rate Increase

Discuss and approve Master Plan Committee

recommendations for FY 2010-11 CIP

Projects.

Discuss and approve Director Business

Cards

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 you all know, we had to chlorinate the system on April 13th due to Coliform bacteria showing up in our monthly BACT testing. I wanted to let you know that all is well in our system again. With all the weird weather and horrendous winds we have been having lately there is a lot of dust and dirt blowing around. Coliform bacteria live in many of the things around us, especially dust and dirt. After an exhaustive investigation of our entire system, the only indicator we could find for the contamination was the wind and the weather. Our tanks have ventilation ports that are covered with screening to keep out insects and birds. Works great for that, but not for dust and dirt. The contamination was tracked back to our Sagebrush tanks. One (or both) of them experienced Coliform bacteria. Once we chlorinated them and pushed the treatment through the system we were fine. During this summer, we intend to be more aggressive with our chlorination than we have been in the past. I know the smell and taste can be offensive at times. For this I humbly apologize. I need to ensure that our water is safe for everyone to drink; especially the very young and definitely the very old. Their immune systems are very susceptible to Coliform bacteria, even in small amounts. So please bear with us as we continue our chlorination schedule this year. A few days of inconvenience is far better than mandatory chlorination every day! I, like you, don't like to drink "swimming pool" water. And I promise you, we will make every attempt possible to keep from having mandatory chlorination. This summer program of ours is just one of those many attempts we will be trying!