

# News from the GM

## MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

### NEW RATES & FEES

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- This month's Regular Board meeting is Tuesday, April 10th at 12:00 p.m.
- Office CLOSED 16th thru the 20th this month.
- Please call the office with any questions or to receive financial assistance with your bill.

It's Official! Our new rates and fees for 2012-2013 were approved at the Special Meeting held on the 28th. I am sorry to report that only ONE (1) person showed up to voice their opinion! No letters, no emails, no visits to the office before the meeting. I am glad that you folks are on board with the new rates and fees. This shows the Board that you are understanding the process, and you also understand the need for higher revenues in the district.

The new rates can be considered "Pay as you go". You can choose how much you would like to pay over the base. I'll use the example from last month's newsletter: Your present rate: \$43.00 for 1000 cu.ft. Your new rate would be \$54.50 if you used the same amount of water. Over 280 customers during December and January didn't stay the same. They all used less than 900 cu.ft., so their bills would have been even less.

The new rates work like this:

- \$32.00 minimum for 0 cubic feet (cu. ft.)
- \$ 2.20 per unit for 0-900 cu. ft.
- \$ 2.70 per unit for 1000-1900 cu. ft.
- \$ 3.00 per unit for 2000-2900 cu. ft.
- \$ 3.30 per unit for 3000-3900 cu. ft.
- \$ 4.40 per unit for 4000 cu. ft. and above.

Watch your usage this month. We will start billing using the new rates during the May billing cycle. That billing will take into account the water you will use this month. Remember, this rate structure helps our fixed income and retired folks, while still encouraging conservation. Use what you want, pay for what you use. Isn't that fair?

In closing, the Security Charge is back. We can once again start our Hydrant protection program. Once it's completed at the end of next year we will start paying off the security cameras we need to install at both of your remote tank sites. This small charge of \$2.50 per account, per month goes a long, long way to promoting safety and security here in our district.

### OFFICE CLOSURES FOR THIS MONTH

In the month of April, the office will be closed the 16th thru the 20th. This allows the District to save money on electricity and gas by keeping most of the employees in the field during the hours the office is normally open. Please call the emergency line if you have a problem.

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Office Hours: 8:30a.m.-1:30p.m. M-F  
Closed the 3rd week of every month

**Agenda Items from the March Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Directors**

Funds were authorized for the repair on Well #2.  
All signature cards for the District's banks were completed by the appropriate members.  
Board members were recognized for their recent training accomplishments.

**Agenda Items (some) for the April Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Directors  
Tuesday, April 10th, 2012 @ 12:00 p.m.**

Changing the date and time of Regular Board Meetings to 6:00 p.m. (again)  
Discuss and Approve Emergency Water Supply agreement with Rancheritas Mutual Water.  
Updates on the CIP program and future projects.  
**The agendas for these meetings are always available online at our website. You can view them 1 day in advance for a Special meeting and 3 days in advance for a Regular meeting.**

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

Our earthquake fitting installation on the Sagebrush tanks went extremely well! We now have a fighting chance of holding onto our above ground storage during a major seismic event. In addition, we were able to replace two aging gate valves that were no longer operating properly. This will make maintenance, treatment and cleaning a lot easier than before, safer as well!

In the coming months you will see the crews out again exercising the street valves. This puts them in the middle of intersections and closer to the side of the road. Please look out for these folks. If possible give them a wide berth. When they know you are there, it's safer for all concerned.

We are also knee deep into the location of missing lines and mains, so don't be surprised if you see us "potholing" (digging numerous small holes like a ground squirrel) all over the place this year.

We have a new field technician in training this month. If you get a chance, say "Hi" to Sal.

As always, if you have a question or a problem...please call, email or better yet, drop by and visit with us about it. I'll make sure that you are taken care of.

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