

News from the GM

MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- This month's Regular Board meeting is Tuesday, August 14th at 12:00 p.m.
- New rates are currently in effect. Please check your bill.
- Please call the office with any questions or to receive financial assistance with your bill.

Good News! Frank Burke over at United Paving Company has made a very generous contribution to the District. His company is completing a job over in Hesperia and they have a very large pile of ground up asphalt left over. He asked if we might be able to use it throughout the District to try and fill some of the craters we call holes in our streets. Your Directors thought it was a great idea as well. So, sometime this week they will start dropping loads at our Well #1 site on Manzanita street. It's about midway down from Ocotillo or Roundup way. Please take what you need to fill the holes and patch our streets. We would ask that you only use it for streets here in the District that are used by the general public. Please don't redo your driveway or create sidewalks on your personal property. If, after everyone is finished, we still have some left over, we can open it up to anyone, for anything they would like to use it for. The staff here will start filling holes in front of the office when time allows. I want the approach to the drop box and the two front driveways to be leveled out. That way more of you can get to the office without tearing parts off your vehicle.

The meter program is going well. We already have the following streets completed: Kiowa, Candlelight, Mesquite and Alegre Vista. Big streets like Juniper and Joshua will begin this month with an estimated completion date of mid September.

It is amazing how much old hardware we are removing. When you have an older system like ours, you run across a multitude of managers and technicians. They all had their own way of doing things. Lots of Band-Aids that have held up for many years are now being replaced and made right. As we go through this process with the meters, we will ensure that all the hardware from the curb stop to the customer shut off valve are the way they should be. No galvanized or black steel parts will be allowed on the District side. In addition, we are also ensuring that spring checks are installed on every connection as well. This offers a simple protection to the system as a whole by preventing the homeowner's side of the meter from "pushing" back against our side, if there is a higher pressure. It also helps to prevent "back siphonage" when there is a line break or rapid loss of water from the main line. For more information about our meter replacement project, please call or email me. I'll be happy to answer your questions.

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Agenda Items from the July Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Al Morissette will be the nominee for CSDA Region 5.

Utility Services pricing structure was reviewed for both bolted steel tanks for possible action in August.

Approval was given for President Critzman to approach AV Heights CWD about the situation on Alegre Vista.

Donation of ground up asphalt.

**Agenda Items (some) for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, August 14th, 2012 @ 12:00 p.m.**

Changing the number of holidays the District recognizes.

Keeping the Director sign in sheets for accountability.

Changing the time of the meetings.

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

I left this in again this month. I had more questions about the District and thought it was worth running again!

Mariana Ranchos County Water District (MRCWD) was formed on January 31st, 1961 in order to purchase the Victorville #1 South System from the Pacific Water Company. The #1 South system consisted of Well #1 which served 111 customers with a 75 HP deep well pump and a 2,000 gallon steel pressure tank. In March of 1962, General Obligation bonds were approved in the amount of \$70,000 to purchase/install a water system. In August of that same year the Mariana Ranchos County Water District Board of Directors accepted the Grant Deed for the purchase of Victorville #1 South for approximately \$40,000 as authorized by Resolution #33.

Currently MRCWD pumps all the water for its customers from two deep well turbines located within the District Service area. The Improvement District #1 annexation was completed in November of 1962. This added portions of Sections #14 & #15 to Mariana Ranchos County Water District's service area. In April of 1987, the southwest quarter of Section #15, known as Circle M Rancheritos was annexed into the District. In August of that same year the Board of Directors set out the new sphere of influence. It included the following Sections: #13, #14 and #15 South of AT&SF Railroad tracks, the Eastern ½ of Section #20 to the tracks, All of Section #21, Northwest ¼ of Section #22, Southeast ¼ of Section #23, All of Section #24, North ½ of Section #28, Northeast ¼ of Section #29 and the Western ½ of both Sections #18 and #19.

In March of 1989 the sphere of influence was revised to include the South ½ of Section #28 and the Southeast ¼ of Section #29.

At present the District serves approximately 420 active service connections with two wells and a water storage capacity of approximately 900,000 gallons. The service area is approximately 7 ½ square miles and has an estimated population of 1500 people.

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