

News from the GM

MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

AROUND THE DISTRICT

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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

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Happy June! Can you believe we are in the sixth month already? Time sure can fly when you're having fun. I have enjoyed talking with a lot of you last month. Most of the discussions were about the new rates. Some good, some bad. But most of you understood the reasons why. That makes me smile. It shows that you have been following along since the first of the year, when we tried to explain where we were going and how we expected to get there. **Well, we are on our way.**

I have heard from a few of you that the coyotes are back. My wife saw one last weekend going after a rabbit over by our place. Please be careful with your small pets. Keep an eye on them when they are outside during the day...and now during the night. Another customer was telling me a couple days ago about not one, not two, but three owls that have gathered around his place. He has been unable to determine their size yet and has seen them sitting in various locations around his place. Remember, a good size owl can make off with a small dog or cat. Please watch your pets! It looks like it's going to be a wild summer again this year!

Another good customer of ours wrote me a letter last month and included it with her payment. It appears someone had defaced the two yuccas in front of her home. It's not that they cut them down and took them. They cut them down, cut off the heads and only kept a couple of feet of the trunks. All the beautiful blooms were left, right where they fell. It's a shame that people deface the desert the way they do. If you see someone doing this kind of stuff, please ask them to stop. We only get to enjoy the yuccas once a year up here in the Marianas. I think they brighten the place up. Don't you?

Don't forget to Vote! Our office will be your voting place again this year. The Registrar of Voters folks will be set up just after 6:00 a.m. on the 5th of June. They will be with us until the polls close at 8:00 p.m. Lots of interesting things and folks to vote for this year. By the way, the office will still be open and accepting payments during normal business hours. We hope to see you on Tuesday.

Speaking of normal business hours...I would like to restate the office hours for you. We have been getting a lot of questions about them lately. The normal business hours for the office are:

Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

We are no longer closed the 3rd week of the month...so these hours are good all month. If you forget, you can type our name into most search engines on the internet and our website will be in the top three listings. If you use Google it will even show the hours on the search page! Once you are at the web site, just go to "Customer Service", then "Hours". While you are there, look around. There's lots of interesting things to discover. If you need to make arrangements for a certain time due to your job or commuting to your job, please call. We will make every effort to help you. Give us a try. We will make you happy!

**EMERGENCY AND AFTER HOURS
PLEASE CALL 760-912-9400**



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

Two Directors did not attend the meeting due to failure to comply with the new Teleconferencing guidelines set up by the Board President at last month's special meeting. There was a quorum present but no items could pass without the yes vote of three individuals. Both the items listed below were 2 yes 1 no, so could not pass.

Changing the number of holidays the District recognizes.

Keeping the Director sign in sheets for accountability.

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

Further presentation by Mark Wash about the tank service program.

Doug Shumway from Mojave Water Agency will introduce himself to the members of the Board.

Discuss and Approve installation of radio read meters in the District.

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

Summer is finally here. So is the drastically changing temperatures. Hot one day, cold the next. Nice cool evenings. All these changes play havoc with our system. Water is beginning to change. So we will be out more often in the coming summer months performing our flushings on the hydrants and standpipes within our area. This keeps the "dead ends" and the slow usage areas nice and fresh. It helps us keep down our disinfection requirements. We are shooting for no "pool water" taste complaints this year.

Along with the flushings, we are stepping up the annual inspections on the hydrants/standpipes and street valves. We are trying to exercise, inspect and repair as many as possible. We want replacement of these types of items to be the last option we take. So give the guys in the orange vests a little extra room when you go by. I know they will appreciate it!

Our investigations are going well. Working all these years without "as built" maps has been fun. But we are getting them together, finally. If you drove by the office last week you saw another piece of the puzzle found. We dug up the main, valve and well connection out front to verify; what it looked like, what size they were, how they were assembled and how deep they are buried. This information has now been added to our growing list of "as built" information. If you have any information on lines, mains, valves or just about anything you think might help...please call, email or just drop by. I'd love to talk with you!

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