

News from the GM

MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

MORE IMPROVEMENTS!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- This month's Regular Board meeting is Friday, September 14th at 8:00 a.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.

Great News! The ground up asphalt donated by Frank Burke over at United Paving Company is gone. The good people of Mariana Ranchos have again taken it upon themselves to help their neighbors. We had extensive repairs done to parts of Manzanita, Mesquite and Joshua streets. All the labor was donated and equipment was either privately owned, or rented. It was really great to see how folks responded to the donation. It will keep on giving for many years to come as our roads deteriorate with time. I have asked Frank to keep us on his company's list for future donations of asphalt. He was very receptive about our future requests. I will keep you posted as more material becomes available to us.

Another possible improvement is taking place. After being tabled for over four months, a resolution to change the dates and times of the monthly meeting was finally passed by a narrow 3-2 margin. The Directors have been trying to come up with creative ways to get their constituents to participate in the monthly board meetings. This would solicit more ideas and receive additional feedback about how things are going. Additionally, the new time will allow some Directors to attend more meetings telephonically as the new time is at the start of the business day, instead of during lunch time. So here it is...the new date and time of the monthly meetings for the board of Directors, Mariana Ranchos County Water District:

The second Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

The new date and time starts this month on the 14th. Please try and attend this first trial of the morning meetings. The Directors have decided this will be a trial period of 90 days. The period will give them a good test on the participation by constituents. Measures like these, in the past, have failed to generate any more of an audience than they have now. After evening and lunch meeting times didn't work they decided to try early morning hours in the hopes that people might start work an hour later one day a month to come in and see their elected officials at work. The Directors really do value your input folks. By receiving a good cross section of remarks and opinions, it helps them to make good, informed decisions. Without those inputs they can be no better than the Sacramento type of elected official that only listens to the loudest few.

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

The contract with Utility Services for Sagebrush A & Valley Vista Tanks was approved.

The Biennial review for Conflict of Interest Codes was approved.

Meeting times and dates were changed to the 2nd Friday of each month @ 8:00 a.m.

**Agenda Items (some) for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Friday, September 14th, 2012 @ 8:00 a.m.**

Discuss and Approve District Retention & Destruction Code.

Review MWA Mini-Tour

Discuss MWA ABC's of Water class that is coming September 25th.

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

Many of our programs are back in full swing this summer. We are exercising valves and hydrants, flushing standpipes and hydrants, still locating main line depth and location, as well as the meter replacement program. I would like to personally thank all of you folks who have had their meters replaced up to this point. We have heard good things about the program and experienced overwhelming kindness during the time we must have your water shut off. People up here are really great!

We now have Yucca and most of Juniper streets completed. We are still on schedule to complete Joshua by mid September. During this process we will generally see your new meter twice. Once when we first install it, then a few days later we will come back by to verify it's working well and there are no problems with it or the installation. During this time if you have any questions or believe we have created a new situation during the install, please call or drop by the office. I will be glad to go over the details of the program.

As the weather continues this wonderful humid summer...we are finding more of our street valve cans run over and destroyed. I will grant you that the county has done most of the damage while blading the road intersections, but we are also finding places when people cut the corners and run up and over the valve cans. This usually renders the PVC or metal liner useless for protection of the valve. In the worst case it becomes a knife that cuts through the valve with the weight of a car or truck on top of it. Please watch out for the blue things in the street and on the shoulders. We can save a lot of money and time by not having to replace the same items year after year because of abuse. Also, if you see one of these damaged valve cans, or a blue lid that looks like it's been knocked off, please call or drop by the office so we can fix it as soon as possible. This will ensure that the valve below is protected. We need these valves to stop and/or divert water around the system to make repairs and fix emergency breaks. If the valve cannot function as designed, we may have to move over one or sometimes even two streets to finally divert the flow. This puts more customers out of service for the duration of the repair. Not a good thing in my book! I would like the smallest number of customers to be affected, if possible.

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