

# News from the GM

## MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

### DISTRICT NEWS

**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

- This month's Regular Board meeting is Thursday, April 19th at 4:00 p.m.
- **PLEASE UPDATE YOUR PHONE NUMBERS!!!** We need to be able to reach you!
- Please call the office with any questions or to receive financial assistance with your bill.

Hello April! Have you enjoyed the rains? I know I sure have; some of them gentle, some not so much. Our roads are a mess again, but the small army of dedicated homeowners on their small tractors and drags will make it better again. We sure appreciate all that they do for us here in the Marianas. And the good side of all of this mess is, we might just stave off the drought again, for one more year. With record snow pack and all this precipitation we should see high levels in all the reservoirs throughout the state. Good news!

During our last Board Meeting, I updated your Board of Directors on Senate Bill 623 and the Brown administration plan to try and slide it in as a "Budget Trailer Bill" (BTB). This bill is so unpopular it can't stand on it's own two legs. Governor Brown is trying every way he knows how to get this passed and to his desk before his tenure runs out. It was in two committee hearings on March 14th & 15th. There was so much testimony and push back from water agencies all over California that both committees decide to not act on it right now but to leave it OPEN so they could come back to it immediately if needed. We also found out that they want to "Borrow" 4.7 million dollars from another crony fund, to create the program, along with 30 new jobs to administer and collect for the program. Our government at work! Your Board of Directors are not very happy about the whole process. I was instructed to send letters to all the affected committee members, our local representatives and to join the coalition from the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). Our name will now appear on every letter of opposition that is sent out from ACWA to our elected officials in Sacramento. This is just another example of your Board of Directors being on top of the issues and looking out for the District's best interests. We are not tax collectors folks. And it's not fair to our customers to have to pay even more, for a commodity that is already so expensive.

Please take some time and learn about Senate Bill 623. I have included a link on our website at [www.mrcwd.org](http://www.mrcwd.org) I know your time is valuable, and most folks don't like to search for things, it's just too much work. So I fired up the ole "Google Machine" and found some good stuff for you to look at. Some of it's pro and some of it's con. You can decide for yourself which way to go. And when you do decide how you feel about the whole thing, please contact your elected officials and let them know what you think. I have included a name and phone number you can use to tell them how you feel.

Jay Obernolte - Assembly, Capitol 916-319-2033, District 760-244-5277

### OFFICE CLOSURES FOR THIS MONTH

This month the office will be closed during the week of the 23rd thru the 27th. This allows the District to continue training during the hours the office is normally open. Please call the number listed below for all emergencies .

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**EMERGENCY and after hours please call 760-912-9400**



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Manager and may not reflect those of the Board.

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

## For the month of February

2013 Usage	2018 Usage
279,600 cubic feet	422,100 cubic feet
2,091,408 Gallons	2,707,012 Gallons
Not so Good! 🤔	22.74% Increase

[www.mrcwd.org](http://www.mrcwd.org)

Agendas for meetings of the MRCWD Board of Directors 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

Great News! Our issues with the Eastern side of the District are taking a turn for the better! We are experiencing great results during our routine testing. Color is clear and smell and taste are back where they should be. I even had a call from a customer wanting to let us know that the water was back to the good tasting water we had years ago. Thanks for taking the time to call Tracy, it means the world to us here on the staff. The long and the short of it is, our plan is working. The pipes are healing well. We have also reduced our chlorination dose by 75%! If everything stays even, I'll discontinue chlorination within the next month. Then we will hold our breath, and wait for the water temperature to turn, as spring and then summer comes. That will be the true test of our program. If everything stays clear we will be done with the awful pool water we have had over the past 6 months or so. Again, I can't thank the affected folks enough for their compassion and understanding during this trying time. We really appreciate your patience.

On the same subject just a different page. We will soon be replacing many of the problem lines out in the East end. Our water main treatment program has helped us to identify the worst areas of the District, places where the lines are the oldest and most susceptible to this kind of problem. They will be replaced first. Then we will begin the process of updating most of the antiquated steel lines that we have left in the District. This will also include the associated street valves and service connections on those lines. Your continued support (and contributions) to the District's Capital Improvement Plan are going to pay off in spades. Having the necessary cash on hand will allow us to perform the rehabilitation of lines, valves and service connections in-house, in an effort to keep our costs at a minimum. This allows us to complete these drastic renovations on our old creaky system and still remain absolutely debt free! No loans will be necessary for this massive undertaking. Your support and continued contributions, along with the guiding hands of the many Directors, past and present, have made this happen. Pat yourselves on the back people. We did it!

Take care folks, and I'll see you out there.