

# News from the GM

## MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

### DISTRICT NEWS

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- This month's Regular Board meeting is Thursday, February 15th 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 February! Well, we finally got a little rain . The gentle soaking was a nice relief. As always, it tore up the roads pretty good. Lots of ruts and canyons again. Those diligent warriors on their small tractors are all over our District once again, trying to make our roads safe and drivable. But it wasn't as much as we need. It was just enough to make all the weeds sprout, so at least we can be "green" for a little while. If things don't shape up around here we will be very dry again this year. Don't worry, If we hold the course, stay with our watering schedules and use the Water Bounty Program (see reverse side), we will be fine. Both our wells are doing great. Good draw down levels and consistent recovery times. Good signs!

Our capital improvement program (CIP) will be taking on a couple of projects again this year to include main line reline/replacements in various portions of the District. The red water issue on the East side has really forced our hand on replacing our aging infrastructure. Your Board of Directors are currently reviewing a couple of different options for these projects in an effort to not only best serve the interests of our customers, but to bring them home at the lowest possible cost to preserve as much of our capital as possible. The Board members are working diligently to keep us debt free. They don't want to incur any future liabilities and have us making loan payments agin.

Last meeting, Director Stewart updated the Board about participating in the Apple Valley Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training coming up in January 2018. She let the Board know that the classes were such a hit that all the January classes were FULL! The next round of classes will be held in April on the 7th, 21st and finishing up on the 28th. Please go to our web site to see more information. If you remember, CERT was designed as a nationwide resource to teach residents and employees how to take care of their families and business operations during a disaster. Now you can learn how to best care for yourself and your loved ones during a tragic time when everything you have is turned upside down. One of our great customers sent me an email to update the contact information for our local CERT Commander (Thanks Larry!), as Dawn Harrison has retired. You can now contact Joseph Ramos at 760-240-7000 ext 7890, or email him at [jramos@applevalley.org](mailto:jramos@applevalley.org) for more information on various training and classes. You must attend all three classes to receive your certificate. What a great way to prepare for what's coming. It's not "if" it's "when" tragedy strikes. Take Care Folks.

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#### OFFICE CLOSURES FOR THIS MONTH

This month the office will be closed during the week of the 19th thru the 23rd. This allows the District to continue training during the hours the office is normally open. Please call the number listed below for all emergencies .

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



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The opinions expressed belong to the General  
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 December

2013 Usage	2017 Usage
374,300 cubic feet	314,600 cubic feet
2,799,764 Gallons	2,353,208 Gallons
Fantastic! 😄	15.95% Decrease

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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

I wanted to let you know about another FREE class being offered by the City of Victorville. It is being sponsored by the City of Victorville Environmental Programs Department. They are offering a FREE Tree & Shrub Pruning Workshop. It will be held on Friday, February the 9th from 8:00 am till 12:00 noon at the City of Victorville City Hall, Conference Room D. Their address is 14343 Civic Drive in the city of Victorville. This class will help you to know: HOW to prune, WHY to prune, WHEN to prune and also what tools to use. It will also help you to IDENTIFY what a good pruning job looks like! And if you are like me, that last one will be the biggest help! I've been butchering (I meant pruning) my poor trees and shrubs for years. Might be nice to see what it is supposed to look like. You can sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/ydadvflw> or call 760-998-8702 to reserve your seat.

With all the cold weather and freezing we have been experiencing, we will be seeing more and more leaks around the District. I wanted to take a moment to remind all the good folks of the Marianas about our water bounty system once again. Be the first to call the office, or myself at 760-912-9400 (24 hours a day) to report water on the roadway, or a broken line and receive a \$10.00 credit on your water bill. Be the first to call about someone hooked up to, or tampering with a fire hydrant, along with information about the truck or trailer you saw (take a picture if you can) and receive a whopping \$50.00 credit for reporting water theft! We were lucky last year, all the calls I received about water theft from hydrants were actually approved individuals that were paying for the water they used. But we did hand out hundreds of dollars in credits for leaks and broken lines to our wonderful customers! Thank you for those calls. We saved so much water and stopped some really big water bills for folks. Together we can make it work! With all of you out there acting as my eyes and ears, I know we can't fail. Take care folks, and I'll see you out there.