

News from the GM

MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

DISTRICT NEWS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- This month's Regular Board meeting is Thursday, May 17th 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.

Spring is finally here! Or is it? In typical fashion, the High Desert has once again gone hot, and encouraged all the trees and flowers to bloom, and then gone cold, so as to wipe out most of the blooms yet again! Well, at least we will have the green to look at. It's the same with our water. Going hot then turning cold, it's really hard to maintain aesthetic qualities in these old pipes with weather like this. Color and Odor are always the hardest. So bear with us a little longer. When the weather finally straightens itself out around the end of April, you will be able to fully enjoy the sweet taste of our water once again.

Speaking of that, I am still getting comments about the recovery going on in the East end of our District. The water is coming back better than ever. Beautifully clear and sweet tasting as well. All our efforts are finally coming together. In fact, we are going to stop chlorination on the East side effective this week. I am going to continue with our testing at various points to see how effective our treatment was, and more importantly, how it holds. As I stated above, aesthetic qualities are the hardest to maintain in a non chlorinated system. We know that the water is safe and good to drink. Color is the factor we are always chasing. In the coming months we will have the turnover of our water from cold to warm. You might even notice it at your tap. This will tell the true story of how well we did. As water usage increases, and more flow is introduced into the East end we should not have a change of aesthetic quality. As long as this holds true I will not be forced to start chlorination again.

This will buy us some more time to finish the Main Replacement Program that your Board of Directors are currently working on. This program is looking to replace the majority of our aging steel lines on the East side with new PVC lines. This will not only ensure the water quality and aesthetics, but will extend the life of the East side another 50 to 60 years. With this installation and proper financial planning, the District will have the necessary funding available 50 to 60 years from now to replace what is needed, if anything. And all of this is being paid for currently by our Capital Improvements Funds that have been building slowly over the past 10 years. With your patience and understanding, along with Boards guidance, we are finally here. Making a beneficial change to our system that will ensure our survival in these hectic times of water wars and takeovers. Thanks to all the customers of MRCWD for their continued support of our programs and funds. I know it's been hard, and expensive! But we are finally here. Be on the look out for more updates!

OFFICE CLOSURES FOR THIS MONTH

This month the office will be closed during the week of the 21st thru the 25th. 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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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 March

2013 Usage	2018 Usage
430,966 cubic feet	341,900 cubic feet
3,223,625 Gallons	2,557,412 Gallons
Fantastic! 😄	20.67% 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 remind you that Spring is once again upon us. Everyone responds to the green and turns their sprinkler and drip systems back on just like last year. But these systems still have the same problems they did last year when you told yourself “I’ll just turn it off for the winter and fix it later”. Well now is “later”. Please test your system one of these Saturdays or Sundays during daylight hours. Run the entire system and check all the connections, look for leaks and where the rabbits dined on your micro tubing. Get it all leak tight and then set your timers to run during the hours of darkness. Here’s where you get the most out of your water dollar. At night there is usually no WIND. So you have no transpiration, very little evaporation, and your plants and grass wakeup all watered and ready to greet the day! It is also a great help to us here at the District. If you will water between midnight and 5:00am, we are ready for you. Our pumps are online and filling the tanks for the next day. If you water with us, you will not take away any of our storage at the tanks. This keeps them full for normal use and emergencies if needed.

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.