

DIRECT FROM THE DISTRICT



*Dudley & Joe
Mueller, GM
Humane Society
of Truckee-
Tahoe Black
Ties & Tails
Event!*

GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Alpine Meadows ... it's hard to believe we are already into fall and fast approaching winter. Summer went by so fast and I hope you all were able to get out and enjoy the beauty of our area. Your District Team has been busy at work, with the Master Plan nearing completion and the new rate study kicking off. The Master plan will serve as the blueprint for our community and the rate study will help us fund the infrastructure and improvements needed to provide services to our residents. To learn more about both of these efforts visit the District's website, feel free to give me a call or stop by the District's office!

WELCOME TO ASCWD ROBB!

My name is Robb Pascarella, I would like to say thank you for the full-time position at Alpine Springs County Water District, serving as a Utilities Specialist. I relocated to the Alpine Meadows, Lake Tahoe region in 2011 and have worked for Alpine Meadows ski resort doing Lodge Maintenance. I became a seasonal employee for the District, working in the summers, for the past four years and fell in love with Alpine Meadows and the community.

I love to work with the public and connect with the community and look forward to providing safe and clean drinking water to the residents of Alpine Meadows. If you see me out and about, please stop and say hi!



*Robb
Pascarella,
Utilities
Specialist*

HOLIDAY

Open House

Please join your District staff for the first annual Alpine Springs County Water District Holiday Open House!

We will provide light refreshments, conversation and of course holiday cheer and greetings! It has been a busy year for everyone and we would like to invite you to join us in saying farewell to 2022 and welcome to 2023!

SAVE THE DATE

Holiday Open House:

December 16, 2022

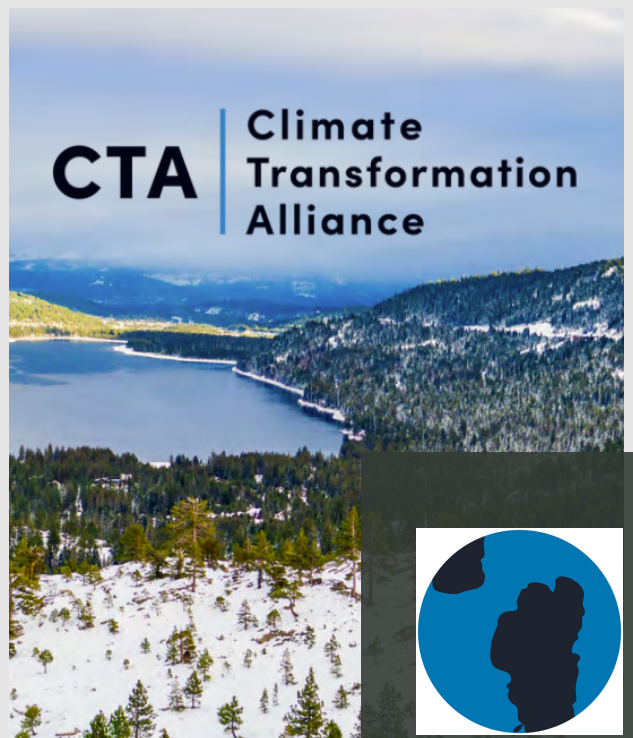
10:30 am - 2:30 pm

District Office



In September, ASCWD Board of Directors voted to join the Climate Transformation Alliance, or CTA. The CTA is a regional public private partnership of local governments, special districts, community organizations, businesses, and individuals committed to collaboration, innovation, and accountability.

The goal of the CTA is for the North Tahoe-Truckee community to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045 and as such, the CTA members will sharing information and resources to help speed climate adaptation, offer peer-to-peer technical assistance to meet goals, measure outcomes, and report successes. We are happy to be part of this regional alliance and to do our part to reduce our footprint, being good stewards of our land.





*Bear
Box?*



The Board of Directors adopted an ordinance requiring all persons who rent their home on a part time or full-time bases to install a “Bear Box”. The size of the Bear Box is determined by the size of your house. If the residential unit is less than 2,500 square feet you need a minimum of 1 bear box capable of holding 2 thirty-two (32) gallon cans. For residential units between 2,500 to 3,500 square feet you need a minimum of 1 bear box capable of holding 3 thirty-two (32) gallon cans.

For residential units greater than 3,500 square feet you need a minimum of 1 bear box capable of holding 4 thirty-two (32) gallon cans. Curb side trash pickup is every Monday.

PLANNING TO BUILD OR REMODEL?

Be sure to contact the District early on to identify any potential conflicts with water or sewer lines. District staff is happy to schedule a meeting with you to review utility maps and your customer file. When it’s time for plan review and permitting, ASCWD reviews plans after North Tahoe Fire Protection District. Upon receiving your plans back from the Fire Department with their review stamp



*Building or
Remodeling?*

of approval bring, a full-size set to the District for review to assess any impacts to your water and sewer utilities. The District charges a \$100 plan check fee for this service.

At completion of your project, District staff (before and separate from Placer County) will need to perform a final inspection of your project prior to the County providing a project final.

Connections fees are dependent on the size of your connection and are posted on the District's website at www.alpinesprings.org . The District is here to help you through your construction project, so reach out with questions as needed.

**VISIT OUR
WEBSITE**

Did You
Know?

Have you had a chance to peruse the ASCWD website at www.alpinesprings.org? We have added a lot of information that we hope is helpful for you to stay apprised of District business. The website includes Board agendas, Board packets, meeting minutes, and an Action Plan for goals and objectives --- and of course our newsletter! We hope you enjoy access to these materials and look forward to continuing to enhance our communication.

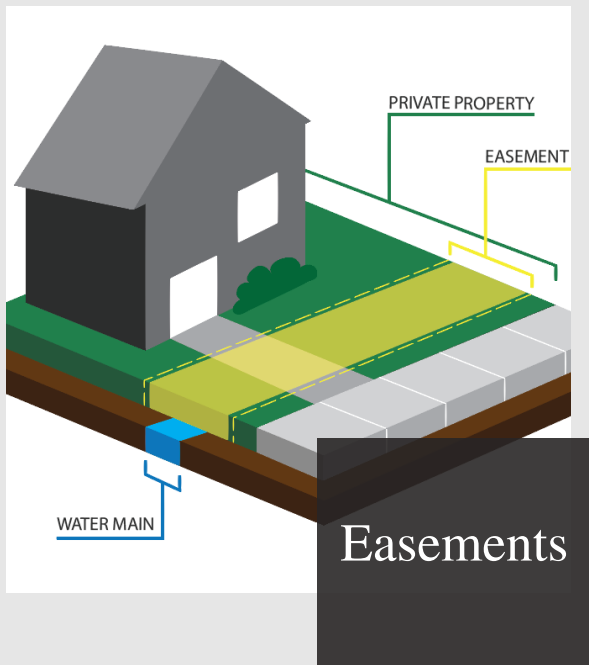
BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTINGS

The Alpine Springs County Water District is committed to delivering safe, high-quality water to our customers. Our water system operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, ensuring that the water delivered to our customers is kept free from harmful contaminants. An important part of our program is the Backflow Prevention. When a water line is connected to equipment containing a non-potable substance, this is known as a cross-connection. Contamination may occur when water flows through a cross-connection from a non-potable source. Some examples are fire sprinkler systems, irrigation systems, heating, and cooling systems, etc.... This can happen through a process known as a backflow.

There are more than 100 backflow prevention assemblies on water services in the Alpine Meadows distribution system. The California Division of Drinking Water and Placer county Department of Health requires each of these assemblies to be tested annually. This testing is the owner's responsibility and must be performed by licensed backflow testers. The District sends out email reminders if you have a lapse in your testing. Failing to have the assembly tested yearly will result in your water being turned off to protect the rest of the distribution system. Any homeowners that have outside irrigation backflow devices should consider dewatering their systems for the winter months to prevent damage. Winter freezes are a major cause of leaks throughout our service area. Questions about backflow devices and annual testing requirements can be addressed to Miguel Ramirez Operations Manager with the Alpine Springs County Water District, at miguel@alpinesprings.org, or (530) 583-2342.



*Backflow
Prevention
Device*



WATER AND SEWER EASEMENTS

What Is An Easement?

An easement is a legal right to use another person's land for a specific purpose. District-owned water and sewer infrastructure that runs underground through private property is placed within easements to ensure District personnel can access the infrastructure to complete maintenance, repair, and replacement activities. The easements are attached to the property deed and pass on to the next property owner when the property is sold or transferred.

Why Does ASCWD Need Easements?

The District owns and maintains more than 10 miles of underground water and sewer infrastructure that weaves through the public roadways and private property. For the District to provide quality services and ensure the health and safety of our customers and the environment, it is imperative that this infrastructure be well maintained. Infrastructure is placed within easements to assure that the district has the legal authority to access infrastructure located on private property for routine maintenance and during water and sewer emergencies. Additionally, easements restrict building in that part of the property to prevent damage to the infrastructure and to ensure adequate district access.

What Is Restricted In An ASCWD Water & Sewer Easement?

To allow for access to water and sewer infrastructure for operation and maintenance activities, the District does not permit the installation of any objects (sheds, fences, decks, landscaping, irrigation systems, structures, boulders, fill, etc.) within water and sewer easements.

Trees and shrubs planted within water and sewer easements can develop deep extensive root systems that can grow into water and sewer pipes in search of water. Root intrusion into pipe systems will cause leaks and sewer backups that could result in a sewer spill on or near your property. Per district code, any such obstruction shall be removed by the property owner at their cost.

What If The Property Has Existing Improvements That Encroach On The Easement Area?

The District understands that each encroachment is unique. These encroachments are handled on a case-by-case basis in which the district will work with the property owner to determine the most appropriate way to handle obstructions located within an easement. District code grants the district the authority to remove any obstruction(s) at the cost of the property owner, however, the district will make every effort to work with the property owner before exercising this authority.

WATER AND SEWER EASEMENTS CONT.

What Should I Do If I Am Planning A Project That May Impact The Easement Area Or If I Have Any Questions About Easements On My Property?

If you are planning on landscaping, building any small structures, decks or a home or garage additions on your property, please contact ASCWD well beforehand so that we may review your plans and mark up the location of water and sewer infrastructure that may be located on or around your property. Not all easements are clearly indicated on property deeds so contacting the District while in the planning stage of a project is an important first step even if you do not believe your property is affected by any easements or water sewer infrastructure. District review of plans is required by district code and early review will help speed up the permitting process and avoid easement encroachment issues. Please feel free to contact the Alpine Springs County Water District for more information on the plan review process and avoid easement encroachment issues. We appreciate your patience and understanding and look forward to working with you to maintain our infrastructure and your beautiful mountain home.

Winter Is Almost Here!



WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

THE FACTS ON LEAKS

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percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day



Did you know?

Minor water leaks account for nearly



trillion gallons

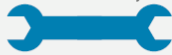
of wasted water each year and is equal to annual household water use in nearly



A shower leaking at **10 Drips** per minute wastes more than **500** gallons per year

Repair

leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary



million homes

Replace old toilets with WaterSense models & save



13,000

gallons of water savings for the average family

Homeowners can save



10 percent on their water bills



epa.gov/watersense

Water Leak Notices!

Pay attention to any notice from the District regarding a possible water leak. You should check all your water fixtures and or have a plumber check for leaks on the customer side of the water service. Several customers have experienced “high” water bills due to leaks that have been allowed to exist for extended periods of time.



Please Update Your Billing and E-mail Addresses

Bills are issued July 1st of each year; make sure the District has your correct billing address. The District will not be responsible for any mail that comes back as undeliverable and you will incur a 10% penalty if payment is not received by the due date. The due date is

July 31st, and there is a grace period until August 14th before penalties go out. ASCWD also has a payment plan, but you need to set up a payment plan with the District no later than August 14, 2022 with your first payment. If you would like the District to add you to the list of homeowners who receive their bill by email in addition to USPS, contact Pam Zinn at (530)583-2342 x3 between the hours of 9am to 3pm or send an email to info@alpinesprings.org . Also, please keep your email address up to date.



Update Contact Info





Three Board members terms expire on November 30, 2022 -- President Grant and Directors Salke and York. All three incumbents filed to rerun for office with Placer County, with no other candidates filing. Therefore, Placer County will appoint the three incumbents - President Grant and Director's Salke and York to four year terms which will expire at the end of 2026. This means the community will not vote in the upcoming election for District Directors.

Please join me in thanking Ms. Grant, Mr. Salke and Ms. York for their continued service to the Alpine Springs Water District community.

*Board
Member
Update*

ASCWD GENERAL INFORMATION

Board meetings are now offered in a hybrid format - both in person and available virtually via zoom. Upcoming Board Meetings are:

- Friday, November 11th, at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, December 9th, at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, January 13th, at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, February 10th, at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, March 10th, at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, April 14th, at 9:00 am

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