

DIRECT FROM THE DISTRICT



*Dudley & Joe
Mueller, GM
enjoying a
summer day!*

GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

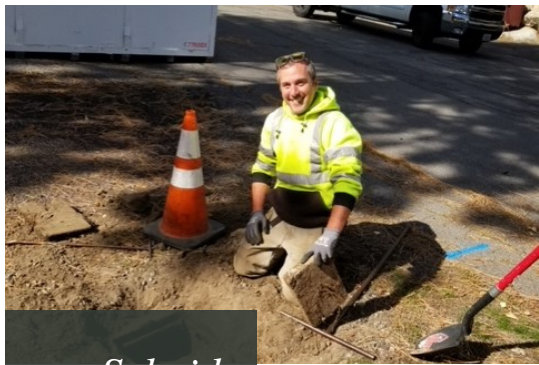
Hello Alpine Meadows Community! Your team at Alpine Springs County Water District (ASCWD) is transitioning with the retirement of long time Office Manager Pam Zinn, we have welcomed our new Office Manager Laurie Axell and have also welcomed backed Scheid Limbird to our operations team. With our new team, we are all quickly preparing for winter weather, closing the park for the season, and ensuring that all of our facilities and equipment are winter weather ready -- we hear it may be another heavy winter this year, and hope you are preparing your homes too!

Update on Contract Agreement for Fire Protection, Emergency Medical and

Related Services: On October 13, 2023, the ASCWD Board voted to end the current contract agreement for fire protection, emergency medical and related services. The contract phase-out as outlined in the agreement will take place over a three-year period ending in the year 2026.

The current contract terms essentially date back to 2006 and no longer reflect current conditions. As such, the decision to end the current contract affords the opportunity for the District to provide the community a newly drafted contract that will accurately reflect current practices, clearly define the scope and level of services, and total financial compensation for performing said services. Providing a transparent well documented agreement that reflects our community's needs and expectations for both districts to manage and work from cohesively is essential in providing this important service to our community.

The District has already started this process and is committed to bringing a new contract to the Board for adoption well before 2026. If you have any questions on this process or desire to get involved in updating our contract agreement for fire protection, emergency medical, and related services do not hesitate to contact me directly.



*Scheid
Limbird,
Operations
Specialist*

ASCWD is also pleased to announce the return of Scheid Limbird. Scheid has been an intricate and key player in the District running smoothly the last couple of years of operation. We are happy and lucky to have this hard worker back from a short absence. Bend Oregon was beautiful, but not as beautiful as Alpine Meadows!

WELCOME BACK SCHEID!

Hi all, My name is Scheid Limbird and I moved back to North Lake Tahoe this summer after a year in Oregon. My fiance and I are glad to be back in the area with a stable housing situation which is hard to come by here. I am excited to be back working alongside the ASCWD team and helping in any facet of the District that I can.

I am looking forward to meeting more and more of the community out in the valley while working with Miguel and Robb. Please come say hi when we are out and about, ensuring the best drinking water in Tahoe!



*Message
from Laurie
Axell, Office
Manager*

NEW EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENT!

Hi, my name is Laurie Axell. I have been in the Tahoe area since 1987 and spent many years as an Alpine Meadows resident. I have been working as a bookkeeper and office manager for the last several years in the construction industry. I look forward to serving Alpine Springs County Water District and meeting the members of our community.

DISTRICT GREENBELT

Lately, the District team has been having many conversations about the District owned greenbelt lands, approximately 109 acres of open space land. The greenbelt land requires maintenance, specifically defensible space maintenance which is not currently within the District's budget to support. As such, we are encouraging community members to share their thoughts with us and help us understand what your priorities are. For example, one possible course of action would be to divest of some or all the land by donating it to a land conservancy group, Placer County, or to private ownership. If we wish to retain ownership of the land, we will need to identify a funding source to fund the defensible space work that is needed on the property. This funding source could come from a reduction in park services and amenities or a tax measure ... what do you think of these options? Or maybe you have a new suggestion?

Our open space lands throughout the region are cherished lands that we all enjoy interacting with. For many of us, these open space lands are why we choose to live in this region, so it is important that you share your thoughts with us. Stop by the District at any time to discuss further!



A REMINDER FROM MIGUEL, OPERATIONS MANAGER, NO WIPES DOWN THE PIPES!

Hello residents of Alpine Meadows,

As we head into Fall and Winter seasons, I wanted to take a moment to share some valuable information from the ASCWD Operations staff. First, I personally wanted to say thank you for being so patient with all of the projects that happened in the Valley this last summer. Not just our preventative maintenance and repairs but all the construction, paving and general restoration work that went on.

After having such a big winter last year and seeing a record number of visitors here in Alpine, I felt it was time for a reminder about our collections system so that it can operate properly.

The District's collection system is designed to handle water, human waste, and toilet paper only.



No matter what the package says,

Instead, all of the items listed to the right, should be thrown out with trash or disposed of properly. We kindly ask that you help us keep our collections system operating by only flushing water, human waste and toilet paper. Please share this information with all members of your household, and if you have an outside contractor that comes in to clean your home, please be sure to pass this information on to them as well. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by stopping by the District office or via phone at (530) 583-2342.

DO NOT FLUSH THESE PRODUCTS:

- Cloth rags or towels
- Baby wipes, Toilet wipes, Towelettes, disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind
- Paper (other than toilet paper/tissue)
- Medications (prescription, or over the counter)
- Feminine hygiene products of any kind
- Beauty products, Q-tips, dental floss
- Plastics
- Grease of any kind, especially cooking grease
- Garden supplies (pesticides, fertilizers)
- Paint, varnish, paint remover
- Motor oil, gasoline, or any explosive material



SNOWCREST MEADOW RESTORATION PROJECT: COMPLETE

You may have noticed some work going on at the intersection of Snowcrest and Alpine Meadows Road. This work was completed by Truckee River Watershed Council to restore Snow Crest Meadow. This project restored 2 acres of meadow, native meadow and wetland plant species and protected habitats for fish, birds and mammals.

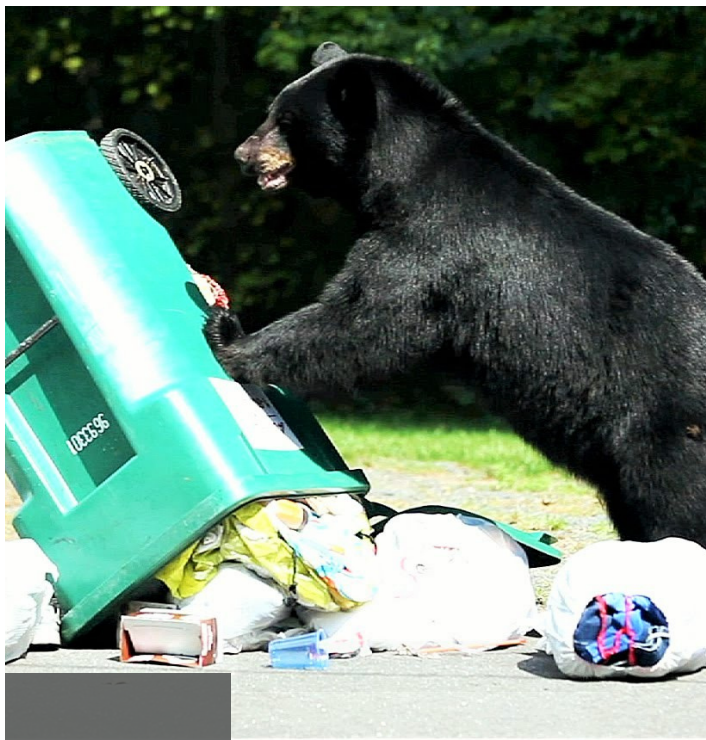
As a result of this work, over the next few years, Snow Crest Meadow will emerge wetter, wilder, and greener - with better wildlife and fish habitat, cleaner water, and a more sustainable future for generations to come. Thank you to the Truckee River Watershed Council for this important work to protect and restore our watersheds!

Staging and Storing of Snow and Equipment

You may notice a bit of extra snow removal equipment on District property this season, and there is a good reason why. Earlier this year, ASCWD was approached by Sierra Tahoe Enterprises, a snow removal contractor from the local area, expressing an interest in staging and storing their snow removal equipment locally in the Alpine Meadows Valley. The District team felt like staging and storing of the snow removal equipment in the valley will provide an overall benefit to the community by having the equipment available locally during winter snow events. In addition, there are no adverse impacts to the District for allowing use of property for staging. Therefore, District staff, along with District legal Counsel, worked with Sierra Tahoe Enterprise to develop an agreement to allow Sierra Tahoe to store and

stage their equipment on District owned property in exchange for a small reimbursement to the District for the annual cost of the asphalt crack and slurry sealing of the park and well house parking lots.





*Bear
Box?*

The Board of Directors adopted an ordinance requiring all persons who rent their home on a part time or full-time basis 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.

GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

Creating defensible space around your home is an important part of wildfire safety! This year, the District implemented a green waste dumpster rebate program. To encourage the use of the six-yard green waste only dumpsters, the District Board adopted a dumpster rebate program which fully reimburses the discounted rate to rent a green waste dumpster for a one-week period, delivered, picked-up, and disposed of by Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal Company. The program allows residential customers to submit proof of paid dumpster purchase, up to two per year, for a credit on their annual ASCWD invoice. These dumpsters are a convenient way to dispose of green waste as they are delivered at the resident’s request and are picked up a week later.



*What to do
with your
green waste?*

We encourage our community members to take advantage of this convenient program for all of your green waste removal needs. Help us with wildfire safety by completing your defensible space work!

Winter Is Almost Here!

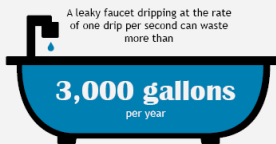


WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

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



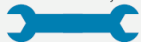
trillion gallons

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



Repair

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



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



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.





JOIN US FOR A
**HOLIDAY
OPEN HOUSE**

DEC | 15 | 10:30 -
2:30

DISTRICT OFFICES

Please save the date and join us for our second annual District Holiday Open House. We love getting to know our community members and the Holiday Open House is a great way to do just that. Stop by and say hi, or relax and enjoy some refreshments and conversation with your District team. Whatever works for you, we just hope to see you on December 15th!

Happy Holiday season to you and your families, be safe and enjoy the season of hope with everyone you love!

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 10th, at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, December 8th, at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, January 12th, at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, February 9th, at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 8th, at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, April 12th, at 9:00 am



Save the Date:

Holiday Open House

December 15, 2023

10:30 am - 2:30 pm

District Office

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