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Alpine Springs County Water District Community Newsletter

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COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

General Manager's Message

Hello Alpine Springs County Water District community and customers. Happy spring! I am very grateful to be serving as your new General Manager.

A bit about myself; I most recently served the City of Morro Bay where I was the Interim Public Works Director and Utility Manager for the city. But originally, I started my career by serving in the Airforce after which I have worked for more than 30 years in utility management. I have spent the majority of my career as a consultant to local governments for startup and infrastructure improvements, and local government public works oversight in Sacramento, Auburn, Roseville, and many other locations in California.

General Manager's Message, Cont.

My experience has concentrated on daily operations and maintenance, capital project development and implementation, and in fostering a culture that promotes collaboration and teamwork.



I started working for ASCWD in January, and in the past four months have really been welcomed by the community and team. I am so impressed with the staff and thankful for their support in transitioning to the District team - Pam, Miguel and Scheid, Thank You!

Also, I would like to thank the Board members who have openly welcomed me and helped me get settled into this new position, as well as our many volunteers who serve on our community committees and District partners. Alpine Meadows is a small community, and small communities are my passion as I enjoy getting to know our residents, hearing their concerns, challenges and joys.

Have a safe, healthy and happy spring and summer season. Please feel free to contact me anytime at joe@alpinesprings.org or on my cell at 916-826-3912.

Community Communications and Outreach

As we work towards enhancing our community communication efforts, we would like to announce District e-notifications. If you are interested in receiving e-mail blast notifications about everything that is happening within the community, including meeting dates and agendas and upcoming events such as the opening of our community park and fire mitigation chipping program, please e-mail us at info@alpinesprings.org simply asking to be added to our email notification system. We look forward to sharing District news with you throughout the year! Continue to watch the District's website as we plan to elaborate our webpage in the near future by adding additional information.



ASCWD Committees - What are they all about?

Did you know that ASCWD has four Board established committees that are comprised of Board members and/or community volunteers -- all working on your behalf. We would like to thank all of our committee members and volunteers for their participation and service to the community - it is through volunteerism such as this that we learn what is important to our community members and how to best serve the community Alpine Springs County.

Want to know more -- Please see below for information about each of our committees.



Budget & Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance Committee works in close liaison with the District CPA and Board Treasurer to maintain prudent and efficient financial controls relating to district operations and long-range capital planning. The committee works to maintain adequate operational and long-range liquidity. The Committee also evaluates drafts of the annual budget, to help make sensible recommendations to the Board of Directors as well as evaluates the annual audit from an independent CPA firm. Committee members consist of: Janet Grant, District President and Committee Chair and Evan Salke, District Director.



Administration & Personnel Committee

The Administration and Personnel Committee is responsible for recommending policy to the District Board in the areas of administration (contracts, rules, procedures, responsibilities, etc.) and personnel (wages and salaries, employee relations, etc.). The Committee is comprised of two Board members and the General Manager and meets to discuss, evaluate, draft, edit or revise policy within the responsibility areas. Committee members consist of Janice Ganong, District Director and Committee Chair and Evan Salke, District Director.



Long Range Planning Committee

The Long Range Planning Committee is responsible for recommending policy to the Board regarding the development of the Strategic Long Range Plan and its maintenance in the areas of water resources, sewer systems and watershed maintenance as it pertains to the District's infrastructure and assets. Committee members include: David Smelser, District Director and Committee Chair, Christine York, District Director, Vince Baldrige, Robert Spencer, Doug Boling, Melissa Siig, and Michael Lightbody.

ASCWD Committees - What are they all about Cont. ?



Park, Recreation and Greenbelt Committee

This Committee is responsible for recommending policy to the Board regarding Park and Recreation, including state of the park, use and fee policy, annual fee schedule, park amenities policy and operational policy, including level of maintenance. In addition, the Committee recommends greenbelt policy to continue conservation of the undeveloped lands, and provide the appropriate monitoring of greenbelt lands by providing defensible fire safe space. Committee Members include: Christine York, District Director and Committee Chair, Janice Ganong, District Director, Ingrid Bourke, Michael Cadra, Felicia Cole, Don Fulda, and Ursula Hirsbrunner.

Alpine Springs Community Park - Reminders!

Our community park is opening soon - watch for an opening announcement from the District. We are enjoying the spring and looking forward to summer where you can enjoy our beautiful community space. We do ask that you please remember the following when enjoying the park:

- The park is not monitored, we rely on our park users to be courteous, respectful and to follow the rules
- Due to the size of our pond please limit the use of hard sided paddle boards and kayaks during periods of high visitation and use so that everyone can enjoy this public space
- Please remember to pick up after yourself, we are all responsible to be good stewards of our land and preserve, respect and keep clean this area that we love to live in.



Be Bear Aware

Remember, bear boxes are required for rental units.

The most important way to minimize human-bear conflicts is to keep garbage away from bears. Unsecured residential garbage bins attract bears and once a bear gets a taste of human garbage – it will routinely return to the area in search of food.

This is why the Board passed Ordinance No. 4-2019 (available on the District's webpage at www.alpinesprings.org) which requires all long-term and vacation homes to install bear boxes. In addition, the District strongly encourages all homeowners to install individual bear boxes at their



residences to help reduce the chance of a bear encounter - this helps to keep our bears and our community safe!

If you have any questions regarding bear boxes, you may contact TTSD at 530-583-0148 or visit www.waste101.com

Alpine Meadows - Let's Team Up to Clean Up!

Alpine Meadows CleanUp Day Coming this Summer

Date TBD from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Fire Safe Council is hosting the annual Alpine Meadows Cleanup Day and we invite you to join us in cleaning up our community!

Date and location to be determined but last year's event was wonderfully successful - we look forward to another productive day.

Please remember to bring or wear the following:

- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Water Bottle
- ✓ Work Gloves



Reminder: Let Your Home Owners Insurance Carrier Know that Alpine Meadows Is a Firewise Community - it could reduce your premium!

Look for the red sign hanging near the bottom of the hill as your reminder to join us.

Questions? Please contact: tahoedrg@mac.com

2021 Annual Chipping Project

Chipping services will follow the same procedure as it has for the past several years. You can contact either North Tahoe Fire Protection District at 530-583-6913 extension 622 or visit www.ntfire.net or www.alpinesprings.org to sign up for free chipping service. North Tahoe Fire Protection District needs to receive requests for this FREE chipping service - a request form can be completed at www.netfire.net.

Once the request is received, we will add your property to our list and provide the chipping service in accordance with the chipping schedule.



Please note the following:

- The Chipping Crew is also a Fire Crew and can be deployed by District Fire Chiefs to fires in the area, or sent on assignments to out of area fires. This may delay the rotation.
- Please submit all chipping requests prior to the dates that the crew is scheduled to be in your area. Requests received the same week that the crew is scheduled to be in your neighborhood may not be chipped that week.
- This is a curbside chipping program - all piles need to be placed at the edge of the street with the cut end of the vegetation facing towards the street.
 - Vegetation cannot exceed 6 inches in diameter
 - Pile should not exceed 30 feet in length, 6 feet in height, and 6 feet in width
 - Pile cannot contain pine cones, stumps, lumber or residential waste
- Chips will be left onsite to be spread around the property for landscaping or erosion control.
- Chips cannot be located within 5 feet of any structure or combustible attachment.
- Spread the chips to a maximum depth of 3" to create mulch areas.
- Use noncombustible areas (dirt/rock/irrigated lawns) to break up large areas of chips.
- In order to make sure your pile will be chipped in accordance with the 2021 chipping schedule, please submit your request one week in advance of the chipping schedule.

2021 Chipping Schedule: Alpine Meadows

June 30 - July 6

August 4 - August 10

September 8 - September 14

October 13 - October 19

Reminder: The Chipping crew will attempt to chip any remaining pile in any neighborhood during the week of October 20 - October 26. The last day to make a request for the 2021 chipping season is October 11, 2021.

Water Quality Sampling Results are in!

The results are in, and for the 2020 year the District has been in full compliance with our water quality objectives. The full Consumer Confidence Report will be available on our website no later than July 1st 2021. Remember, if you sign-up for our e-notifications you will receive a notification when the report is available!



Billing Information - Please Update!

Bills are coming out July 1st - 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 of July 31st. 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, 2021 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 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. prior to the end of June or send an email to info@alpinesprings.org. Also, please keep your email address up to date. Thank you!

ASCWD General Information:

Board Meetings

Board meetings are still being held via teleconference due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Upcoming Board Meetings are:

- Friday, May 14th, at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, June 11th, at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, July 9th, at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, August 13th, at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, September 10th, at 9:00 a.m.

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