



In This Issue....

Rate Increase

Water Conservation
Study & Plan Grant

Beetles in the Fir Trees

Chlorination – See the
Sign

Consumer Confidence
Report

Defensible Space
Program

Upcoming Special
Election

Alpine Meadows
Community Park

Park Committee
Opening

Next Issue....
September 2003

Upcoming Events:

Wild Flower Walk – July
12th 9:00 am

Board Meetings

Second Friday of the
month at 8:30am at the
District Offices.
270 Alpine Meadows Rd.
Alpine Meadows, CA

ASCWD

Post Office Box 1879
Tahoe City, CA 96145
Ph: (530) 583-2342
Fax: (530) 583-0228
1-800-244-2342 (CA
only)

E-mail:

info@alpinesprings.org

Website:

www.alpinesprings.org

Directors:

Tom Bass, President
Barbara Danz, VP
Janet S. Grant
Tony Stefani

General Manager

John Shaw

RATE INCREASE

At its July 11, 2003 meeting, the Board of Directors will consider a rate increase, as proposed by the Budget & Finance Committee. It is likely that the increase will include the following elements:

1. Increase in the annual service fee (increase of \$100 per year for most customers).
2. Tiered (graduated) water use structure (the more you use, the more per thousand gallons you will pay).

3. An annual \$10.00 administrative charge associated with the garbage fee.

4. Increase and change in delinquent account charges.

88% of District customers will see an increase in their annual bill of \$110.00 per year. This is the first rate increase the District has implemented since the early 1990's. These increases are necessary to fund repair and replacement of the District's facilities.

WATER CONSERVATION STUDY & PLAN GRANT

The District has applied for and received a twenty thousand dollar (\$20,000) grant from the Placer County Water Authority to conduct a water conservation study and plan. The engineering firm of V-Point has been selected to perform this work and will begin the project in early July. The project will include an analysis of water resources and uses within the valley along with a plan to promote water conservation.

Once completed, we will post the study and plan on the web site.

BEETLES IN THE FIR TREES

There appears to be an epidemic fir tree infestation of beetles within the valley. As you may know this is often a fatal situation for the tree and left unchecked, the infestations can destroy many trees. Dead trees then become potential fuel for forest fires.

If you have a tree or trees on your property that are dead or dying we recommend that you have them removed by a professional tree removal service (there are a few in the phone book).

CHLORINATION – SEE THE SIGN

By popular demand, the District has enacted a sign program to alert customers when the District is chlorinating the water supply. Periodically, typically quarterly or as otherwise required, the District adds liquid chlorine to the water. Some consumers are physically or otherwise intolerant of this condition and have asked to be notified when it occurs. Historically, the District staff has personally called each person who has made such a request.

Now we have a sign!

You will notice as you drive up Alpine Meadows Road, that at the entrance to the District office, there is a sign attached to a tree. When the District is chlorinating, there will be, added to the sign, a blue water drop with a yellow outline in it. That sign will indicate that the District is currently adding chlorine to the water. When the sign is removed, that will indicate that the addition has been stopped.

Should you have any questions about this or any other water issue, please feel free to contact the District staff.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

You will soon be receiving in the mail, a consumer confidence report (CCR) from the District. This report will detail the water quality of each of the water sources that the District currently utilizes for potable water. Because of the rather technical nature of this Federal law requirement, it can sometimes be confusing. If, after you receive the CCR, you have any questions regarding the content please feel free to contact the District and we will attempt to answer your questions.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROGRAM

The Alpine Meadows Fire Department (AMFD) is in high gear now that fire season is upon us. Mr. Tom Bass, AMFD Volunteer Firefighter has been selected to perform the defensible space inspections this year. Tom will be driving the fire engine, so he will be hard to miss. We understand he likes warm chocolate chip cookies and cold milk.

UPCOMING SPECIAL ELECTION

The Placer County Elections Office will be holding a special mail-in-ballot election in August to fill an opening on the District's Board of Directors. For more information, you can contact the Elections Office at (530) 886-5650 or at their web site: <http://www.placer.ca.gov/clerk/elections.htm>

ALPINE MEADOWS COMMUNITY PARK

The tennis court nets are up, the pond is full, the grass is green (well most of it). Come see the gem of the valley, located just east of the District offices on Alpine Meadows Road. Remember, your user fees help pay for the cost of operation and maintenance of the park. **Also, please do not: prop the gate open, bring your dog (or cat) or leave your trash out.**

PARK COMMITTEE OPENING

The Park Committee has a public member vacancy. Any member of the community interested in becoming a member of the committee, please contact either a member of the District staff or a current member of the Committee or Board.

ASCWD

Post Office Box 1879
Tahoe City, CA 96145

The Alpine Springs County Water District wants your input,
Comments and suggestions

ASCWD
Post Office Box 1879
Tahoe City, CA 96145

Please contact them via:

E-mail: info@alpinesprings.org

Fax: (530) 583-0228

Phone: (530) 583-2342 or 1-800 244-2342 (CA only)

Please write your comments, suggestions, etc. below. We want to hear from you.