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Upcoming Events:

Bird Walk

Saturday July 3, 2004,
10:00 am – meet at the
Ski Area parking lot
(Guided by Tom Bass)

Board Meetings

Second Friday of the
month at 8:30am at the
District Offices.
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DWIGHT STEELE MEMORIAL

The District and the Greenbelt Commission have created a memorial honoring Dwight Steele, former member of the District Board of Directors and Greenbelt Commission, noted local environmental activist, lawyer and friend, who passed away on July 11, 2002, to construct a memorial at the Alpine Meadows Community Park. The memorial will be dedicated July, 9, 2004 at 12:30 pm at the Park. All are welcome (with or without a park pass) to come and visit with Mrs. Steele and friends at the memorial and remember Dwight and his work.

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 and personally (or is that personally?) visiting each of your residences, so he will be hard to miss. We understand he likes warm chocolate chip cookies and cold milk.

This program is an incredibly valuable opportunity for each of the residents of the valley to focus on fire safety. Please take advantage of this opportunity, for the safety of all. By the way, the **Chipper Program** is still available. If you are interested in having your debris (tree limbs, sage brush, etc...) chipped, please call the North Tahoe Fire Protection District (530)546-4347

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.

DISTRICT REVENUES THREATENED

The District faces a budget crunch during the next several fiscal years. The Governor and the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) have agreed on a proposed ballot initiative that would shift a percentage of ad valorem property tax revenues from special districts to the State. In summary, the proposed initiative would shift 40% of ad valorem property tax revenues from enterprise districts and 25% of ad valorem property tax revenues from non-enterprise districts to the State. Fire, police, hospital/healthcare and library districts are exempt from the proposed shift. Multi-service districts, such as ASCWD, will have revenue from their non-enterprise and enterprise functions shifted proportionally. In the District's case, this could mean a reduction in property tax revenues of up to \$150,000 per year. To be enacted, the proposal must first be passed by a 2/3 majority of the State Senate and Assembly and then by the voters in the November election. If the proposal does not pass, the shift from special districts to the State could be greater or, if the proposed LOCAL initiative passes, zero. The District is developing contingency plans to deal with this potential revenue shortfall; these plans will probably include reducing expenses, postponing capital projects and increasing rates for AM residents.

ANNUAL BILLING – COMING TO A POST OFFICE BOX NEAR YOU!!!

It's that time of the year again. You soon will be seeing the District staff walking your neighborhood locating and reading your water meter. We have a new meter reader this year. His name is Mike Crean. Mike is a resident of the valley and we are glad to have him on staff. However, this means that shortly after Mike's visit, you will be visited via the US Postal Service with a bill from the District. Oh Happy Days!

UPCOMING ELECTION

Two seats on the Board of Directors will be up for grabs this November. The terms of President Tom Bass and Director Jon Northrop will be expiring. Those interested in running for the Board should contact the Placer County Elections Office at (530) 886-5650 or at their web site: <http://www.placer.ca.gov/clerk/elections.htm>

DISTRICT WATER CONSERVATION POLICY

The Board of Directors of the Alpine Springs County Water District has adopted a Water Conservation Policy which includes a tiered conservation (voluntary and mandatory) program. Due to space limitations, we could not reproduce the policy here, however it is available on the District web site at the following URL:

<http://www.alpinesprings.org/pdf/Policies/1-Board/WaterConservation.pdf>

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.**

VALLEY WIDE MEETING

I have it on good authority that the Valley Wide Meeting will be held on September 4th at 9:30 am. The location, however is still up in the air, I guess the remodel at the Ski Lodge may cause a problem. The District will post the agenda on our web site as soon as it is available from the organizers.

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

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