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Alpine Springs County Water District **“Information and Events”**

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Board Meetings

Second Friday of the
month at 8:30am at the
District Offices.
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AVALANCHE REPORT

The District has recently published to our web page, the final avalanche report, (excluding exhibits). A hard copy of the report (with and without exhibits) is available for purchase at the District office. The web site address is www.alpinesprings.org.

WATER QUALITY & QUANTITY

Along with the routine testing that is required of the District, every three years we are required to run a comprehensive analysis for compliance with the State Title 22 requirements. That sampling, testing and analysis will be completed this October. Once that information is received and compiled, the District will be sending out a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which will include the results of the analysis from all seven of the District's water sources (4 horizontal wells and 3 vertical wells). The CCR will also be posted on the District's web page. Again this year, during the month of August, the demand for water outpaced our supply. The District is looking at available options to remedy this situation. These alternatives include but are not limited to more efficient use of existing sources (i.e. a conservation plan), construction of additional storage capacity (i.e. tanks), drilling new wells and utilization of existing vertical wells that are not currently used for potable water, but meet the Title 22 Standard. Your input regarding this issue would be appreciated by the Board of Directors to help guide them in their decision making process.

DISCOUNT IRRIGATION RATES DISCONTINUED

Again, the irrigation meter rate discount has been discontinued. If you have an irrigation meter, you should have received a notification in the mail. If you have not, please either read your meter and provide that reading to the District, or return your meter to the District office for a return of your deposit. Should you have any questions, please call the District office and talk to either Pam or John.

SCADA SYSTEM

The SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system is up and running! Though not complete, it is providing the District with valuable information. Next time you are in the District office, let us show you what the system does.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PILOT PROJECT

Many of you are aware the District joined forces this summer with the North Tahoe Fire Protection District to staff our fire station seven days per week, 24 hours per day from July 1-September 15. The pilot program was intended to demonstrate the benefits to property owners and visitors of immediate response to emergencies by a fire engine or paramedic ambulance versus the response times we historically provide. These benefits will be analyzed in a soon to be completed report (which will be posted on our website) against the expense of working jointly with North Tahoe to someday cost share staffing the station all year round.

The pilot program and report are part of the District Fire Committee's on-going effort to match needs and expectations with services. Your input will be integral to any further steps taken in this regard. If you have questions or comments before or after the report is published, feel free to contact the District or North Tahoe Fire Chief Duane Whitelaw at 583-6911 or at Whitelaw@ntfire.net.

FIRE SUPPRESSION ORDINANCE

The threat of fire in Alpine Meadows is of constant concern. The Fire Committee of the ASCWD has recently reviewed the existing Fire Protection Code and developed the following proposed amendments:

- 1. Sprinkler systems to be required in all new construction.
- 2. Sprinkler systems to be required when additions to existing residential structures exceed 50% of the original structure and the resulting structure exceeds 3,600 square feet.
- 3. Sprinkler systems to be required when additions to existing commercial structures exceed 50% of the original structure and the resulting structure exceeds 1,500 square feet.
- 4. Alarm systems to be required in any structures where additions exceed 600 square feet.

The Fire Prevention code applies to all structures within the boundaries of the ASCWD.

A Public Hearing on the proposed amendments was held on October 10, 2002 and another will be held on October 26, 2002 at 2:00 pm. Public Hearings are held at the ASCWD office. The ASCWD Board of Directors is tentatively scheduled to vote on the proposed amendments at the November Board meeting. If approved, the proposed amendments are scheduled to take effect on June 1, 2003.

PARK

The Alpine Springs Community Park will be closing soon. It was a good year for the Park. Water quality in the pond was very good this year. Park pass sales were brisk. Thanks to all of those who support our community park!

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<p>The Alpine Springs County Water District wants your input, Comments and suggestions</p> <p>Please contact them via: E-mail: info@alpinesprings.org Fax: (530) 583-0228 Phone: (530) 583-2342 or 1-800 244-2342 (CA only)</p> <p>Please write your comments, suggestions, etc. below. We want to hear from you.</p>	<p>ASCWD Post Office Box 1879 Tahoe City, CA 96145</p>
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