

San Simeon Community Services District



July - September 2016

NEWSLETTER

3rd Quarter: July 26, 2016

WELLHEAD TREATMENT COMPLETION

Good news San Simeon! The Wellhead Treatment Project has been completed and the State Division of Drinking Water has permitted the project. Typically, ground water chlorides start increasing around September or October, which is when we anticipate operating the treatment system. Staff has been working with the treatment system to optimize operations and to maintain the equipment. Engineering has performed a sound test to make sure that treatment process, while in operation, meets County standards, is not audible by nearby residents or create a nuisance noise. We were very pleased with the results. Neither the Mobile Home Park or the closest neighbor and condominiums were bothered by noise whatsoever. The equipment is state of the art technology and causes very little noise. The Zebras and the cattle will not be upset at all.

To cover a majority of the project cost, we received a Grant (free money) from the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) of \$500,000, and a reimbursement Grant from the State for \$362,431. The costs of construction, equipment and building are anticipated to be \$914,540. We are very pleased with this outcome and we hope you are too. San Simeon users will no longer have to deal with salty coffee, curdling creamer or potential appliance problems as a result of the long term use of hard water. It will be completely up to each user if you want to continue to pay for your personal reverse osmosis units at your homes. Staff feels that it should no longer be needed, but each home owner and hotel will have to make that decision for themselves.

If you have any questions about the District's Wellhead Treatment Project, please do not hesitate to give the office a call at 805-927-4778.

RATE INCREASE

In the last two billing statements, you were prompted of the July billing increase. Per Ordinance 110 passed on November 11, 2011, it is time for a rate increase to be initiated. Per Ordinance 110 the increase is 5% plus CPI (cost price index) which was 0.9%. Effective in the July billing the monthly service fee is \$30.82, water per unit is \$11.01, and sewer per unit is \$8.28 for residents. Please look to the left side of your bill for your new monthly rates. If you would like assistance with deciphering your bill, please call the District Office 805-927-4778.

The rate increases help the District maintain and improve your facilities, qualify for grants and or loans for new equipment such as the Well Head Treatment Project and to be better prepared in case of an emergency. Currently the next project the District is focusing on is the replacement and expansion of the District's water storage reservoir.

We only have a 150,000 gallon reservoir of potable water. Cal Fire requires 400,000 gallons of water to be available in storage to put out a Fire. We also have two fire hydrants with low pressure due to small distribution feed lines. Staff approached Phoenix Engineering a few years ago to provide the District with preliminary design concepts and cost estimates for the reservoir project and preliminary costs are in the millions. With the constant impending salt water intrusion problem, the District focused its efforts on the Wellhead Rehab Project, which was completed in 2012 and the now completed Wellhead Treatment Project. The expansion of the reservoir will be of benefit to the community in the event of a fire, and will replace the existing approximately 50 year old reservoir. Staff of course has started the search for Grants to help the District pay for some of the project cost. Please review current and future Board Packets to keep updated with Staff's progress

on this next project. The District Board and Staff are grateful for the constant support the San Simeon Community has given this team during the progress made these past 11 years. We hope to continue to make improvements within the community so that we continue to be proud of where we live.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Election time is November 8th, 2016. We have four San Simeon District seats up for election. There are 3, four year terms seats and 1, two year term seat up for election. If any voting resident of San Simeon CSD is interested in running for office, you must call the County Clerk Records Office to make an appointment and complete the required paperwork. You must make your appointment before August 12th. You can contact the Clerk Records Office at 805-781-5080.

DISTRICT WIDE TRASH PICK UP DAY

One of our residents, Mary Margaret McGuire, asked the Board of Directors at the July meeting if the District could announce a trash pick-up day. After the Fourth of July, much rubbish has been left scattered throughout the District Streets. Sponsored by Grace Environmental Services, Mary and Staff will coordinate a trash pick-up day. Grace will provide safety vests, gloves, trash bags, and trash pick-up sticks, along with, coffee, water and pastries for volunteers. Trash pick-up day is scheduled for Monday, August 8th at 9:30 AM. We want everyone to be safe and not exert themselves during this fun filled activity. So that we have enough equipment and refreshments for everyone, if you would like to participate please RSVP. Please call the District Office at 805-927-4778 by August 4th if you plan on attending the event.



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***** Next San Simeon CSD *****

Board of Director's Meeting
Wednesday, August 10, 2016
Cavalier Ballroom
6:00 PM