

San Simeon Community Services District



April – June 2015

NEWSLETTER

2nd Quarter: April 27, 2015

San Simeon Residents are Water Conservationists of the Quarter Century

In 1987, due to drought conditions and poor quality water, San Simeon Community Services District (SSCSD) Board of Directors initiated the first Ordinance with conservation measures; Ordinance (ORD 64). At that time, the residents and the Board foresaw the trend in drought conditions that came and went since the inception of the District (1961). This Community, as many of the longtime San Simeon Residents know, has been doing an excellent job conserving water for the past 28 years.

The District goes in and out of Stage 1 and 2 Alerts when Staff notices the lack of flow in Pico Creek or the drop in the Well levels. Notices go out and people get straight into conservation mode. There are no complaints about not being able to watering plants or not being able to wash cars, San Simeon Residents rise to the needs of water conservation. Residents and Hotels call the District if they are ever unclear about a water situation and constantly understand the constraints.

There are many awards going out to Cities and Districts in this State because they finally got the hint that it is long past time to conserve. San Simeon average residents use **37.2 gallons a day per person** which we understand should be **the lowest in the State**. In the meantime, your Board of Directors and District Staff believe that San Simeon Residents and our Commercial properties should receive the highest award available for ALWAYS conserving water for over two decades.

This Community also initiated the first purchase of "Green Recycled Water Equipment" in this County. There are NO chemicals going into the Recycled water and NO filters to throw into a land fill. This water allows for the community to maintain

landscaping with pride in knowing that we are conserving potable water, and forward thinkers. The Board of Directors and District Staff want you to know that we are very proud to serve this Community, because the residents and commercial properties care about where they live. We would like to thank each and every one of you for always trying hard to conserve all year round. Grace Environmental Services will be sending you a bumper sticker commemorating our acknowledgment and appreciation to all San Simeon Conservationists in the May billing.

Watering Indoors and Out

The Stage 3 Water Alert has been sent out to the SSCSD community. Many of us are used to the restrictions and it comes naturally to conserve water. If you have neighbors that are new to the community please do not hesitate to ask them to contact the SSCSD Office to learn of our conservation efforts and requirements.

In further effort to conserve water we request that you use your bath or dish water to water your indoor plants. We hope that you exercise the same diligence and water saving efforts with inside plants as currently practiced with outside watering. Many of you will never forget the horrible taste of salty water we experience during the winter months. This is because of the low Well levels during that time of year combined with storm surge high tide. What our water will taste like will depend **again** on how low our Wells are when we reach October. Watering indoor plants from bath or dish water and outdoor plants with recycled water will reduce the impact to drinking water quality.

Parking: RV's

Please remember that if you have family or friends coming to visit in an RV or trailer, you must get a permit from the District Office. SSCSD Ordinance 107 details the RV parking permit requirements. We ask hotels that have patrons with an RV to park on hotel property or obtain a parking permit from the SSCSD if street parking is necessary. RVs also cannot park on District easements and parking on County easements is strictly prohibited and clearly posted.

The parking permit is to keep tourists from camping on our streets, as in the past some took up permanent residence on District streets leaving behind litter and sewage on the streets. Please inform SSCSD Staff whenever you see an RV on District streets without a bright pink parking permit. The permit should always be posted on the driver side window. We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Weed Abatement: hydrants, meter boxes

Weed abatement notices will be sent out in the May billing. District Staff has been performing weed abatement along all District easements, hydrants and meter areas. Please do not place items on top of the meter boxes/lids and or allow over growth of plants to cover the meter boxes. These items/plants must be removed by District Staff to read the meter. Also, if you have plants or shrubs that approach or cover fire hydrants, these plants will also be cut back. There must be a 3 foot clearance around all hydrants at all times.

Don't be a Dupe, Scoop your Poop

The amount of complaints from residents that the District has received in the last six months about dog owners not picking up after their dogs has increased significantly. We receive complaints about dogs not on leashes which is a County wide law, as well as complaints about dog owners not picking up their dog's poop. We have had several complaints from people on Avonne, Jasper and Pico Avenue. We have also observed people walk their dog up to the District office and leave dog poop right in the parking lot. Once a week District Staff spends time picking up poop to keep the odor out of the office. One complaint sited that she saw a dog poop right in front of her and the dog owner just walked away even after noticing being watched. Also, vacant lots ARE NOT free range areas for animals. Allowing dogs to poop in the vacant lots attracts wild animals and the potential for disease to our neighborhood.

The District will be putting up more signs to inform dog owners that they must pick up after their animals. We have also asked residents that when they file complaints, to add a detailed description of the dog in effort to address the issue with the owner directly. Please pick up after your dog, a County wide Ordinance already exists and we can avoid costly enforcement measures.



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

Board of Director's Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2015
Cavalier Ballroom
6:00 PM