San Simeon Community Services District



January - March 2016

NEWSLETTER

1st Quarter: February 25, 2016

RESTRICTIONS TEMPORARILY LIFTED

On January 14th, the Board temporarily removed the water restrictions in order to reduce chloride levels in the aquifer. Water use for washing automobiles, sidewalks, structures, fountain cleaning, pool cleaning, gutter cleaning, carpet cleaning and irrigation, etc., is permitted.

With the recent December and January rain events, Pico creek is now flowing to the ocean. The creek flow is a direct contributor to the San Simeon Community's drinking water source aquifer and has in turn raised aquifer levels to full capacity. The use of aquifer water will encourage fresh creek water to replenish the aquifer versus letting the water flow past the aquifer to be lost to the ocean. Since we released the restrictions, chloride levels have dissipated, but still remain higher than normal.

Considering that State and Local rainfall levels remain below average, SSCSD staff will continue to diligently monitor creek flow, aquifer levels and chloride concentrations and will swiftly inform the community when conservation measures need to be re-implemented. It is anticipated that restrictions will be put back in place around the end of March. Please monitor your mail for the Gold Water Restrictions Alert Flyer.

WATER TREATMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The water treatment system is almost near completion. The weather in December caused significant delay in construction and moved our completion date toward the end of March.

We expect to have the project up and running by the end of March. An additional couple of weeks will be needed to perform testing and monitoring before we can completely tie into the system. Once testing is completed, we will have a permanent reverse osmosis system in place that we can turn on during drought times and chloride (salt water) intrusion. Our Community will soon have a tool in place to combat high chloride water.

At this time, the project budget estimate is \$948,690. With the Grant from the USDA (\$500,000) which we have already received and used, a Grant from the State (\$362,431) which is currently being processed, it is estimated the District will spend \$86,259 to complete the project. We are very pleased with this outcome.

DOGGY DISPENSER CONTRIBUTION

We would like to thank Casa Del Monte Home Owners Association for their Doggy Dispenser contribution to Jasper Street. We have noticed a decrease in doggy remnants on the east side of the highway. If your association is interested in contributing, please contact the District Office for details. Thank you for assisting in keeping our streets poop free!

BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

With Chairperson Ralph McAdams announcing his retirement, the San Simeon CSD Board is in need of a Board Member. There are 2 years left in Mr. McAdams' term. The Board voted at the February meeting to fill the vacancy via appointment. If you are interested in applying for the position, please contact the District Office for an application. The application must be turned in to the District Administrator by 9:30 AM March 8th.

You must be a San Simeon registered voter that resides within San Simeon District in order to qualify for this office.

If you would like an application or have any questions, please contact the District office at 927-4778.



* * * Next San Simeon CSD * * *
Board of Director's Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
Cavalier Ballroom
6:00 PM