

# San Simeon Community Services District



July – September 2015

**NEWSLETTER**

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: July 27, 2015

## WELL WATER UPDATE

At the beginning of the year chloride levels were about 600mg/l (milligrams per liter) in the distribution system. This June, chloride levels dropped to an average of 195mg/l. Although chloride levels have dropped, as we drain more water from the Wells, high tides will soon come in the Fall and fill our Wells with sodium chlorides (saltwater) once again. The San Simeon CSD is working on a Wellhead Treatment Project that will remedy the annual threat of sodium chloride increases. With the rate increases of the past 5 years, the District has been able to save enough money to start this much needed project to combat the historically seasonal chloride (saltwater) intrusion. This project is going to cost the District \$989,000. Staff has been working on obtaining a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for over a year. On June 7, 2015, the District was informed that it had been awarded a \$500,000 grant (free money) towards the Wellhead Treatment Project.

Staff has also been working on a Grant with the State Drought Funds (Prop 84 money) for the remaining cost of the project. Awarding of that Grant will be determined in October of this year. Whether the District receives the State Grant or not, there is enough money in the District Funds to proceed with this overdue project. With this equipment in place, we will never suffer again from the high chloride levels. There is still work to do, but Staff hopes to start construction in October of this year.

Staff has been working with the local and state agencies regarding this project for over a year to ensure all appropriate permitting is obtained. Project updates are provided in monthly Board Packets that can be located on the District website ([sansimeoncsd.com](http://sansimeoncsd.com)) or by calling the District Office 927-4778.

We have received some phone calls questioning the quality of our water. As per the Consumer Confidence Report that was sent out in May of this year, our water has NO primary drinking water contaminate issues and never has. Aside from the seasonal chloride (salt taste) that we seasonally endure, we do not have any metals or damaging minerals in our water. Our water is considered safe to drink by the California Division of Drinking Water.

## METERS, METER BOXES

When there is a need to turn water off inside/outside the house for plumbing activities to be performed, there is a valve on the resident side of the meter that may be shut off or on. The side closest to the street is to be used by District Staff ONLY. The meter costs range from \$200 to \$2,000 apiece depending on the type of meter and if broken, Staff labor and/or parts will be charged to the resident. If you have a leak and need the meter to be shut off, we would prefer that you call us and we will shut off/on your meter for you. We also do not want plumbers touching the District side of the meter either.

Also, please do not put plants, ornamental objects or anything on top of your meter boxes. Do not let your plants grow over the meter boxes, this makes it difficult for Staff to read the meters. Objects and plants will be permanently removed by Staff at the next meter reading. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters. District Staff lives locally and can assist you 24/7 in case of a leak. Monday through Friday, please call 927-4778. If it is after hours please call 546-3612 and a Staff member will be located for you.

## **DOG LOVERS UNITE**

In the last newsletter we mentioned that we have had many issues with dog owners letting their dogs off their leashes AND not picking up after their dog. Recently, Henry Krzciuk from the Pineview mobile home park, graciously donated two Doggy Mitt Dispensers and bags that were put up at the Pico Beach access and at the District Office. Casa Del Monte Home Owners Association on Jasper Street, has informed us that they will be purchasing a dispenser for their street for Staff to install.

This is such an amazing display of community spirit! The Board and District Staff is very appreciative of these gestures. The dispenser is \$90 and the mitts are about \$30 for 500 bags. If you or your Home Owners Association are interested in donating any of these items, please call the District Office for information, 927-4778. Thank you again to Henry and the Casa Del Monte Association for showing your San Simeon pride!



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**\*\*\* Next San Simeon CSD \*\*\***  
**Board of Director's Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 11, 2015**  
**Cavalier Ballroom**  
**6:00 PM**