

Running Springs Water District

March 2010 District Newsletter

We are providing this Newsletter to our customers in an effort to share information regarding the District's ongoing activities, operations and services.

Interim General Manager

After serving three consecutive years as General Manager for the Running Springs Water District, Gary Valladao resigned as of February 26, 2010. During Manager Valladao's time with the District, he provided expertise in overseeing the everyday functions of the District, ensuring the Water and Wastewater systems were running appropriately for the needs of our customers. The District wishes Gary all the best in his new position with the City of Riverside as their Wastewater Systems Manager.

Congratulations to Sam Massey who has accepted the Interim General Manager position and was appointed as of March 1, 2010. Sam Massey has served with the Running Springs Water District for 27 years and for the last three years has held the title of Superintendent of both the Water and Wastewater Departments. Interim General Manager Massey has excellent knowledge of the daily operations of the District, as well as, the District's Financial Master and Strategic Plans. There will no longer be a Superintendent position at the Running Springs Water District. The Water and Wastewater departments will now be completely run by Supervisors Randy Bobroff, Isaiah Hall, and Trevor Miller.

To assist with the General Manager transition, former General Manager Ed Brittain who served with the Running Springs Water District for 12 years before retiring 3 years ago, will be assisting the District as a Consultant.

District 2010/11 Fiscal Year Budget

The Running Springs Water District held its annual Board Workshop/Budget Meeting on February 3, 2010 to prepare for the 2010/11 District Budget. District staff are currently working on the three individual Fire, Wastewater and Water Department Budgets. The District is determining the general goals, projects, and actions to be completed during the Fiscal Year 2010/11.

The District's budget process includes seven public meetings that include three Finance Committee meetings. The Water and Wastewater budgets will be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration at the March, and April regularly scheduled Board Meetings and the Fire Department Budget was presented to the Board of Directors at the February Board Meeting. The final Budget is set to be adopted at the June 16, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.

Financial Master Plan

Running Springs Water District has contracted with Bartle Wells Associates to conduct a study to identify short and long term funding options available to the District. This Financial Master Plan is being prepared in conjunction with a Water and Wastewater Master Plan which will identify capital improvement projects that will require extensive funding over the next 20 years. Bartle Wells Associates will identify various funding sources available to the District to fund these projects, i.e., low interest loans, state and federal grants, rate and fee structuring, etc. The Water and Wastewater Master Plans and the Financial Master Plan are expected to be completed this year. These studies will ensure the District has the financial resources available to adequately sustain the Water, Wastewater and Fire Departments well into the future.

Earth Day on the Mountain 2010 Event

Running Springs Water District will participate in the Earth Day on the Mountain 2010 Event that will be held on April 24, 2010 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Rim of the World High School. Please come by and visit our Representatives who will be distributing informational materials regarding the District and will be happy to assist you with any questions that you may have. There will also be goodies for the kids.

For more information regarding District functions and activities, please contact the District office by phone at (909) 867-2766, by mail at P.O. Box 2206, Running Springs, CA, 92382 or you can visit our website at runningspringswd.com. For an e-mail inquiry please contact the District at info@runningspringswd.com

Public Board Meetings are held at 6:00 pm every third Wednesday of the month at our District Office located at 31242 Hilltop Blvd. (Highway 18) in Running Springs.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Running Springs Water District is to provide water, fire, emergency medical service, sewer, and other beneficial services to the community: The goal of the District shall be to do so with the highest level of integrity and ethical principles and in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible.