

# TRES PINOS



# WATER DISTRICT

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## Happy Summer!!

A lot has been happening in Tres Pinos this summer. We concluded another successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July with the majority of bikes congregating at Bolado Park for their festivities instead of the main downtown area.

Tres Pinos was not without its own excitement, however, this 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We had our first grass fire at the end of East 5<sup>th</sup> Street. As a result of the quick thinking of the McMaths and multiple neighborhood friends, and of course the fire department, the fire was quickly extinguished.

Many thanks to all of those who offer their assistance to one another during fires.

## More Happenings

A shout out goes to the many Tres Pinos/San Benito County residents, young and old who participated in the Annual Horse Show & Rodeo held out at the beautiful Bolado Park Fairgrounds, where food, snacks, shopping, beer and wine was in abundance. Congratulations to the award winners!

We would also like to recognize and two new businesses in the “downtown” are of Tres Pinos. A warm welcome to Megan and Paul who have recently opened the “Wild Roots Hair Salon”, formerly known as “Jeannine’s Hair Shoppe”. Also, to “Eva Mae’s Café”, managed by Mike and Cindy Clawson and their son Aaron. Their theme is ‘down home cooking’ which is centered around Cindy’s mother who was a cook at Cadameteri’s Restaurant in San Juan Bautista, ‘back in the day’.

## Water District News

Our Board has been diligently working for the past 3 years, studying and finalizing the State mandate replacement to our existing 50-year-old Waste Water Treatment Plant. Although, we have been out of compliance for many years, we were able to secure a partial grant from the State of California for the construction of our new Treatment Plant. This grant, will fund about ¾ of the \$2 million-dollar price tag. However, the remainder will need to come from a low interest loan which will be provided to us by the State. We have a few more studies to complete, but it is our hope to begin construction of the new Waste Water Treatment Plant within the next two years.

### **More Water District News**

Tres Pinos Water District is also out of compliance with the State over our Water Source Capacity. This Means that we are supposed to have a second well as a backup, as well as a much larger water tank or second one to increase our ability to deliver sufficient water in the heavy summer use as well as to have more water for fire prevention. According to the Fire Department, our current 55,000-gallon tank is enough for about 20 minutes of flow from hydrants.

We are looking for State Grants to fund the study of our water issue to be clear on what we need to replace and improve. Our second water tank must hold a minimum of 250,000/300,00 gallons of water and be made of steel. The estimated cost for a tank as mentioned runs about \$400-\$500,000.

The Water District is also examining other possible well sites to ensure that our customers have sufficient water for drinking and fire protection.

The Water District is in the early stages of putting together an Advisory Committee to the Board of Directors and will be seeking individuals to be on that Committee in the coming future.

### **CUSTOMERS:**

A reminder that you have free use of the FATS, OILS and GREASE Recycling container located at the District Office. Many of our community members have been using it to dump their cooking oils while and saving their pipes/plumbing in the process. By recycling your everyday oils, fats and grease, you will be doing your part to control what goes into our sewer system and in the long term possibly minimizing the additional cost of yearly maintenance.

Lastly, the Board once again reminds you and invites all community members to attend our monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The meetings are, where you will hear firsthand what is happening in with the District. The meetings are where you can participate in discussions, get your questions answered, make your suggestions, and volunteer.

Please note that the Board is a group of unpaid volunteers working diligently for our community's water and sewer system. Any input you have whether verbal or in writing will be reviewed and considered.

### **Information Efforts**

We will continue to provide information about the District on print media like this newsletter. Please call or come into our office if you have any questions or concerns.

### **How To Reach Us:**

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