

TRES PINOS



WATER DISTRICT

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DID YOU KNOW?

The previous income survey we did resulted in a \$100,000 grant that we used to hire specialists to help us create a plan to replace our old ailing sewer treatment ponds? Yea free money!! Thanks for your help.

More details on back of this newsletter.

Introducing The TPWD Newsletter

The Tres Pinos Water District is proud to introduce our new official newsletter. It will be your go to source for information about what is going on in the world of Tres Pinos Water District. We'll be providing you with information about the latest happening, how to get involved and to help serve our District customers better.

We've spent a lot of time packing this first issue with information to get it going.

The Tres Pinos Water District Board.

BOARD MEMBERS

President: Ed Schmidt- Is the Assistant Principal for San Benito High School and has been a Board member of the Tres Pinos Water District as well as a Tres Pinos resident for many years.

Vice President: Mary Anne Hughes- Is retired and was the former Director for the Community Food Bank of San Benito County. She has been a Tres Pinos resident for 5 years.

Secretary: Mike Sargeant - is retired and former Hollister School District teacher. He has been a Tres Pinos resident for 38 years.

Cassandra Spencer - Is retired and former San Benito County employee since 1987-2009. She has been a resident of Tres Pinos since 1977 and has served 2 terms on the Tres Pinos Water Board.

Janie Lausten- Is retired. After 48 years at Teledyne Mc Cormick Selp. Is former Water Board member in the 1980's and early 2000's. She has been a Tres Pinos resident since 1977.

General Information

We are required by the State of California to build a whole new sewer treatment, upgrading the existing system is not possible.

Based on this order to comply, we have not been able to issue any new water or sewer hookups in the last two years. Working with a consulting company, paid for by a \$100,000 grant, we did a study and have found a new sewer treatment system which is acceptable by the State and could allow for future growth.

But we need your help. In order to qualify for more grants (to get free money) to build this treatment system, we need you to fill out a financial survey that will be coming to you post office box soon. To keep this confidential we have hired an outside company to be in charge. The lower our yearly income levels are reported, the more free money (grants) our District will have available. Our district will not get any specific names or addresses linked to an income.

So, please take the time to fill out the survey. Any questions please call a board member.

Mike Sargeant 801-4901
Mary Ann Hughes 902-0025
Cass Spencer 801-7948
Jane Lausten 821-0281

Bracewell Engineering is currently our General Manager and they have been very proactive and instrumental in assisting the board in many areas, especially the Long Term Waste Water Treatment Program. We are working on a new sewer batch plant, and a second storage tank and an additional well to name a few.

One area which we have implemented this last year, is the Grease Trap program. Every quarter Bracewell goes into the restaurants and monitors their grease traps for compliance to ensure that they are cleaned properly in order to prevent an inordinate amount of grease going into our sewer system.

CUSTOMERS:

Please don't forget that you have free use of the FATS, OILS and GREASE Recycling container located at the District Office.

By recycling your every day oils, etc., you will be doing your part to control what goes into your sewer system and in the long-term possibly avoiding the additional cost of yearly maintenance.

Lastly the Board once again invites all customers to attend the Board meetings. The meetings are where you hear firsthand what is happening in the District. The meetings are where you can participate in discussions, get your questions answered, make your suggestions, and volunteer. Anything heard outside of our meetings, not published by a Board Member, can be constituted as unconfirmed reports.

Please note that the Board is working diligently for its customers. Any input you have whether verbal or in writing will be reviewed and taken on its merit.



Social Media Efforts

We will continue to provide information about the District on print media like this newsletter. However, we are trying to be more involved on social networks as well as getting our website going.

How To Reach Us:

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