

# The Waterline



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## Board Meetings

Regular Board Meetings are held on the **third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM.**

The most recent meeting agendas, approved minutes, and instructions for public participation are available on the District website at [www.arrowbearwater.org](http://www.arrowbearwater.org).

## Board of Directors Vacancy

The District currently has an opening on the Board of Directors. This is an opportunity for community members to take an active role in local governance and help guide water and fire protection services. **Application deadline: February 12, 2026.** Visit the District office or view application materials on the District website. An Applicant will be sworn in at the February 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

## Office Hours Change – 4/10 Pilot Program

Beginning March 2, 2026, the District will implement a 4/10 pilot schedule designed to improve public access and operational efficiency. Office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, providing an additional hour of access in the morning with no office closure for lunch. The District office will be closed on Fridays; however, Friday appointments may be scheduled with the General Manager for most administrative services by emailing [apcwdmail@gmail.com](mailto:apcwdmail@gmail.com). Online bill payment and the office drop box will remain available, and emergency and after-hours services will continue to be available at all times.

### New Office Hours (Effective March 2, 2026)

**Monday–Thursday:** 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Fridays:** Closed (appointments available)

### Emergency / After-Hours Contact

**205-737-0693**

## Welcome Our New Administrative Secretary

We are pleased to welcome Courtney Arredondo as the District's new Administrative Secretary. Courtney brings a strong background in accounting and property management, along with a professional commitment to supporting public agencies in ways that directly benefit the community. Please join us in welcoming Courtney to the team and stop by to say hello, as well as to wish Caroline well before she departs at the end of February.

## Board Meeting Highlights

### October 2025

General Manager Dumas informed the Board of the installation of a new fire hydrant on Eagle Drive, strengthening local fire protection capabilities. The Board approved updated Fire Department job classifications and testing requirements, presentations were received from multiple legal firms resulting in the selection of Best, Best & Krieger as District counsel, and the District's holiday schedule was updated to better align with evolving workplace standards and recognize nationally observed holidays, including Juneteenth and Columbus Day.

### November 2025

General Manager Dumas reported on the successful installation of a new pump at the sewer lift station, reviewed findings from recent tank inspections, and provided updates on ongoing manhole-raising work along the highway. Funding was approved for a new SCADA system at the treatment plant to enhance system monitoring and reliability.

### December 2025

General Manager Dumas reviewed the monthly maintenance for November 2025, and provided updates on District operations, personnel matters, and long-range planning projects. The Board approved an annual turnout gear rental contract to support firefighter safety and readiness. The Board approved Policy #2400 – Technology and Communication Use.





# ARROWBEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Fire Station 271 Safety Improvement Update

County Supervisors approved \$500,000 on December 17 to fund new traffic-flashing warning lights at Fire Station 271, a critical safety improvement for firefighters and the motoring public. Located along State Route 18 and set back from the roadway, the station is bordered by blind curves in both directions, creating a hazardous situation when fire engines enter traffic during emergency responses.

The new warning lights will alert approaching motorists to emergency vehicle activity, helping reduce the risk of serious collisions. This project has been in development for several years due to ongoing safety concerns and past close calls. The department is currently working with County Traffic Engineering and Caltrans to obtain the required encroachment permits, with a goal of completing the project by the end of 2026.

The Arrowbear Lake Fire Department extends its appreciation to Supervisor Rowe for her continued support of this important safety initiative.

## Department Promotion Announcement

The Arrowbear Lake Fire Department proudly announces the promotion of Fire Captain Nick Novelich to Battalion Chief. Battalion Chief Novelich has dedicated the past 10 years to serving the Arrowbear Lake community and brings extensive operational experience, professionalism, and a strong commitment to public service.

This promotion expands the department's operational capabilities and strengthens leadership across all divisions. Battalion Chief Novelich's advancement reflects his proven leadership and the department's continued investment in readiness, training, and service to the community.

## Winter Safety Reminder

As colder weather continues, residents are reminded to use home heating devices safely. Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, never leave heaters unattended, and ensure fireplaces and chimneys are clean and properly ventilated.

Residents are also encouraged to install and maintain working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors throughout their homes. These simple steps can significantly reduce the risk of injury or loss during the winter months.

Please see our website for ways to avoid freezing pipes!

For any questions regarding any of these programs or opportunities, please contact me at (760) 514-7594 or [p.lindley@ablfd.org](mailto:p.lindley@ablfd.org).

Sincerely,

*Paul Lindley*, Fire Chief

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