

THE WATERLINE

ARROWBEAR PARK COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

COMMUNITY NEWS & DISTRICT SERVICE

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MAIN MUTUAL AID

Mountain systems sign MAIN agreement

Mountain Area Infrastructure Network (MAIN) gives neighboring water and wastewater agencies a way to request temporary staff, equipment, materials or technical help when an emergency strains local resources.

Each district remains independent and controls its own system, staff, property, budget and customers. Assistance is voluntary; agencies decide whether they can help based on need and availability. Other eligible water or wastewater agencies may join with approval from their governing body.

SERVICE CHANGE

District valve service charges start Nov. 26

Starting November 26, a requested shutoff or turn-on using the District Isolation Valve costs \$31 during posted business hours. Outside those hours—including Friday closures, weekends and holidays—the \$103 call-out fee applies.

No customer-side valve, or can't find it? Contact the District or check the illustrated flyer sent with bills for example setups.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Adopt a Hydrant

The District is considering an Adopt a Hydrant program and wants to hear from residents. Volunteers could help clear snow from assigned hydrants so they remain accessible and the community stays safer. We have more hydrants than crews can clear after every storm. Interested? Contact the office to share your interest. This is a proposal, not an active program.



General Managers, from left to right: Steve Brandt, Green Valley Mutual Water Company; Chris Dumas, Arrowbear Park County Water District; and Chris Jones, Running Springs Water District, sign the MAIN agreement.

BOARD ACTION

Updated Rules and Regulations expand payment arrangements

The Board approved revisions to the water and sewer rules in September.

The revised Rules and Regulations add deferred, reduced, installment and alternative payment schedules. Customers do not need to show financial hardship or qualify for assistance to request an arrangement.

Terms depend on account status, the amount due and payment history. The adopted water and sewer rules explain the request process and how an arrangement can help customers stay current on new charges.

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

MRFSC fuel reduction protects community access

The grant-funded project is complete at no cost to the District.

The District completed its critical-infrastructure fuel-reduction work with the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council (MRFSC). Contractors reduced vegetation near key facilities and access routes so firefighters and utility crews can better reach infrastructure during a wildfire.

The work helps lower wildfire fuel near water, sewer and fire facilities and supports emergency access for the community. Outside grant funding covered the project, so it cost the District nothing.

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WASTEWATER AGREEMENT

Board approves amendment to WWTP agreement

The amendment changes how capital-improvement costs are billed.

In September, the Board approved an amendment to the wastewater treatment plant agreement with Running Springs. Arrowbear's share of eligible capital-improvement costs will be billed from documented costs actually incurred rather than monthly estimates paid before work occurs. The agreement runs through June 30, 2037.

FIELD OPERATIONS

Two especially demanding emergency repairs

Two of many recent responses required especially demanding repairs.

A major water-main leak beneath the concrete entrance to Lupine Lane from Evergreen Lane required an overnight response. District staff worked through the night to complete the emergency repair, followed by road work and asphalt paving.

A separate sewer emergency in the Scola and Badger area required weekend work to get the repair completed.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Report water or sewer problems promptly

Promptly report street water flow, a new sinkhole, sewer backup or overflow, or another unusual condition. Give the nearest address or landmark and say whether it is continuing. During office hours, call (909) 867-2704. When the office is closed—including Fridays, weekends and holidays—call (205) 737-0693 (calls only; no texts). For fire or medical emergencies, call 911.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ryan Brewart officially named Fire Chief

The former interim Chief now leads the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department.

Ryan Brewart, formerly interim Chief, was officially named Chief of the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department. He brings 18 years of fire-service experience, including five years with Arrowbear, and has served as Battalion Chief since July 2025.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY

Highway 18 beacons improve fire response visibility

County-funded safety system installed at the station.

Flashing firetruck warning beacons now operate on Highway 18 at the station. They warn motorists when engines are preparing to enter the highway; be ready to stop when the lights are active.

Supervisor Dawn Rowe made the station a public-safety priority. The County Board allocated \$500,000 through the Third District's District-Specific Priorities Program. County Public Works coordinated with Caltrans; the Water District paid none of the cost.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emergency dispatch moves to CONFIRE

Arrowbear's Fire Department has switched to Consolidated Fire Agencies (CONFIRE) for emergency call handling and dispatch. The agreement took effect September 15 and provides 24/7 fire, rescue and ambulance dispatch. Medical calls use emergency medical dispatch protocols and a nurse system.

WINTER READINESS

Winter Is Coming

A few checks now can help limit freeze damage.

Insulate exposed pipes in unheated areas and protect outdoor faucets before a hard freeze. Check vacant cabins and ask a licensed plumber about winterizing and draining lines.

Know where your customer-side shutoff is. Some properties have none; contact the District or check the illustrated valve flyer. For a frozen or broken pipe, call a plumber. Do not operate a District valve.

OCTOBER BOARD ACTION

Cash payments will round to five cents

On October 15, the Board approved rounding cash collected to the nearest five cents because the bank no longer accepts pennies. This does not apply to cash paid out.

Rates, fees and charges remain exact to the cent. The rounding difference is recorded as an account credit or balance due. Non-cash payments remain exact.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

District contacts

Office: 2365 Fir Drive, Arrowbear Lake

Phone: (909) 867-2704

Email: info@arrowbearwater.org

Hours: Monday–Thursday, 7 a.m.–5 p.m.; closed Fridays

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Join a Board meeting

Upcoming meetings start at 6 p.m. at 2365 Fir Drive: Nov. 19 and Dec. 17, 2026; Jan. 21, 2027. Check posted agendas and changes at arrowbearwater.org/current-agenda.