



The Waterline

JULY 2026

ARROWBEAR PARK COUNTY WATER DISTRICT • COMMUNITY NEWS FOR WATER, SEWER AND FIRE

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

Brewart named interim fire chief

Veteran firefighter assumes full command responsibilities as the District evaluates permanent leadership and future service options.



Interim Fire Chief Ryan Brewart. District photo.

BY DISTRICT STAFF

Ryan Brewart has been promoted to interim fire chief of the Arrowbear Lake Fire Department. He has served with Arrowbear for five years, brings 18 years of fire-service experience and served as battalion chief from July 2025 until his promotion.

District officials cited Brewart's commitment, skill and leadership in selecting him to provide continuity during the transition.

As interim chief, Brewart assumes the full duties of fire chief. He will oversee department operations and personnel, maintain emergency-response readiness, and direct firefighter training and safety programs. He will also coordinate with regional public-safety partners, maintain required records and approvals, and ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations and District policies.

Service planning continues

The Board has directed the General Manager to request draft proposals from CAL FIRE, San Bernardino County Fire and the Running Springs Fire Department while the District evaluates long-term service options. The District has not committed to a new service model.

Arrowbear continues to operate its local Fire Department. During this leadership transition, the Board is exploring available service options, but no change has been decided.

The District is forming an ad hoc committee comprising Directors Seth Burt and Paul Miller and other Arrowbear Lake community members to evaluate the proposals and other potential service models. Meeting dates and times have not been set; meetings will be livestreamed on the District's YouTube channel.

RULES & REGULATIONS

Maintain your customer shutoff valve

BY DISTRICT STAFF

Customers must install and maintain an operable shutoff valve on their side of the meter. Using the District's curb-stop valve is prohibited and may cause damage and related charges. A working customer valve also avoids unnecessary after-hours service calls. See Rules 3000.150 and 3040.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Candidate filing meeting set for July 27

BY DISTRICT STAFF

Residents interested in running for the Arrowbear Park County Water District Board are invited to a Candidate Filing Guide Meeting at 1 p.m. Monday, July 27, at the District office, 2365 Fir Drive.

Staff will review the filing guide, explain the local process, identify seats appearing on the November ballot and answer general procedural questions. Attendance does not obligate a resident to file.

CUSTOMER NOTICE

Water and sewer rates changed July 1

Board-approved rates took effect with the July billing cycle.

STANDARD RESIDENTIAL RATES • EFFECTIVE JULY 1

WATER BASE	
¾-inch meter	\$43.85
WATER USAGE	
per cubic foot	\$0.05
SEWER BASE	
standard service	\$68.07

Other meter sizes and applicable fees may differ. View the complete schedule under "Bill Pay & View" at arrowbearwater.org.

Billing questions: (909) 867-2704

NEXT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 20 • 6 p.m.

WATER/SEWER AFTER HOURS
205-737-0693

FIRE EMERGENCY
Call 911



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REGIONAL RESILIENCE

Water and sewer mutual aid takes shape

BY DISTRICT STAFF

Arrowbear is working with neighboring mountain water agencies on a voluntary mutual-aid framework for emergencies and major service disruptions. Participating districts could request personnel, equipment, materials, replacement parts and technical assistance while retaining their independence and local control.

The effort may also support cooperative training and jointly funded equipment when those opportunities benefit participating communities. Existing fire mutual-aid systems remain separate; this initiative focuses on water and sewer operations.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

How to reach us

District Office
Monday–Thursday, 7 a.m.–5 p.m.
Fridays by appointment
(909) 867-2704
info@arrowbearwater.org

Water/Sewer After Hours
205-737-0693

Fire Department
(909) 867-3479
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Website
arrowbearwater.org

ON THE CALENDAR

Candidate Filing Guide Meeting
Monday, July 27 • 1 p.m.

Regular Board Meetings
Thursday, August 20 • 6 p.m.
Thursday, September 17 • 6 p.m.
Thursday, October 15 • 6 p.m.

District Office
2365 Fir Drive, Arrowbear Lake

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Fuel-reduction project moves forward

BY DISTRICT STAFF

The District is serving as lead agency for CEQA NOE associated with the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council's Critical Infrastructure Fuel Reduction Project.

Work is planned at numerous locations and parcels in Arrowbear Lake. The project is intended to reduce hazardous vegetation near critical infrastructure and improve access for emergency vehicles.

Where proposed work may affect vegetation connected to private property, affected owners will be contacted. Eligible work is paid through grant resources at no cost to the District or property owner.

This work is expected to take place within the next few months, with sealed bids being due by August 3rd 2026.

MAY–JULY MINUTES

Board approves agreements and policies

On May 21, the Board approved the 2026–27 appropriations limit; the county tax, fee and assessment collection agreement; water and sewer standby-charge resolutions; annual Cal OES emergency-incident personnel terms; annual NIMS adoption; direction was given to the General Manager for a wastewater treatment plant contract amendment with Running Springs Water District. On June 18, the Board reviewed and approved Conflict of Interest Policy, preliminary budget, and reviewed the General Manager. On July 16, the Board approved switching to CONFIRE JPA for emergency dispatch services; being the CEQA lead agency for the MRFSC Fuel Reduction project; signing of an amendment to the Counties Hazard Abatement Program.

ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE

District seeks safeguards for Edison project

BY DISTRICT STAFF

Southern California Edison plans to put high-voltage lines on the Green Bear circuit underground to reduce wildfire-ignition risk and improve reliability. The District supports that goal while emphasizing the need to protect Arrowbear's buried water and sewer infrastructure.

SCE expects work to begin the third or fourth quarter of 2028. Construction will affect Bear, Music Camp, Carlock, Hilltop, Lakeview, Arrowbear, Keller and Keller Peak roads and connecting streets. Residents should expect trenching, vaults, paving, temporary closures, noise and planned outages, with at least 72 hours' notice.

Protecting buried infrastructure

Excavation and boring could potentially damage water mains, sewer mains and related facilities. Sewer laterals—the pipes connecting individual properties to the public sewer main—are generally the customer's responsibility, making accurate identification especially important before construction begins.

Staff will examine ways to reduce that risk, including closer coordination and utility locating, ground-penetrating radar where appropriate, and geographic information system (GIS) tools to improve the mapping and field identification of buried infrastructure.

The goal is to support wildfire safety while protecting public infrastructure and customer-owned sewer laterals. Residents can follow project updates and notification settings at sce.com/tug.

PAPERLESS CAMPAIGN

Switch to autopay

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