

San Simeon Community Services District



October - December 2016

NEWSLETTER

4th Quarter: October 25, 2016

WELLHEAD TREATMENT COMPLETION

Typically, ground water chloride starts increasing in our water wells around September or October. At this time, chloride level in the water is increasing yet remains just below the 250mg/L (milligram per liter) threshold when we are required to start the RO unit. With continued conservation diligence, we are avoiding the added cost of the RO unit and prolonging the need for a potential rate increase to account for additional electricity and operational costs when the RO unit is used to treat water. Based on RO unit run time projections Staff calculated an increase of \$1.30 per water billing unit. The average house hold uses 2.5 units per month. Once the RO unit is turned on, we will track actual run time cost to be used in water billing rate analysis. Staff has been routinely reviewing the system equipment within the treatment building and has been operating the RO Unit for a few hours once a month for preventative maintenance and operational readiness.

The final cost of the project was \$923,503 and is \$18,497 under the original budgeted estimate. With the \$500,000 grant from the USDA and the expected \$362,431 reimbursement from the grant awarded by Integrated Regional Water Management, the total amount spent directly by the SSCSD would be \$61,072. When we are required to turn on the RO Unit, we will send out flyers to each customer personally. As previously mentioned in the last newsletter, it will be completely up to each user if you want to continue to pay for your personal RO Units at your homes. Staff feels that it should no longer be needed, but each home owner and hotel will have to make that decision for themselves. If you have any questions about the District's Wellhead Treatment Project, please do not hesitate to give the office a call at 805-927-4778.

CONSERVATION ORDINANCE 117

Just recently Staff brought an updated conservation ordinance to the Board. We had two conservation workshops; one in July and one in October. Several residents came to the water committee meetings and workshops to share their views on exiting conservation and future conservation efforts. After suggestions from the residents and commercial properties, Staff will be re-posting the updated draft ordinance 117 soon on the website for water committee approval. Once approved by the water committee it will go to the Board of Directors. If you were not able to attend the water committee meeting or the workshop, we would like to know your thoughts on conservation. Please email us at: info@sansimeoncsd.com.

UPDATE AT PICO BEACH ACCESS

You may have noticed some changes at the Pico Beach Access. Past Chair Director Ralph McAdams and current Chair Dan Williams directed staff to start the permitting process on this project last October. After several long months of working with three different State agencies, the SSCSD board approved and Staff hired local contractor Brebs Builders to start refurbishing the access. Currently the only thing we are allowed to do per the Coastal Commission is repair the stairs, railings, and the fencing on the upper platform. There is much more work that needs to be done to stop high tide waves from undermining the upper platform sidewalk area, but that is a completely different regulatory and engineering process.

Staff submitted a proposal for a beautification grant from the County and received \$20,000 to update and "beautify" the Pico Beach Access with art. Local Artist Brooks Lawrence will be adding art work to the beach access. Currently the total repair and art work project is estimated to cost \$23,500 (\$13,500 for the

repair, and \$10,000 for the art work). If everything goes as planned, the District should only be out of pocket \$3,500. For your safety we ask everyone to please stay clear of that area while construction is taking place.

WELCOME MONUMENT AND INTERPRETIVE SIGNS

SLOCOG (San Luis Obispo County of Governments) Byways Program staff contacted the District regarding the Gateway Monument Sign and the Interpretive Signs. This was a Grant that was Awarded to the District many many years ago. With the monument "welcome sign" resting on Cal Trans property, the permitting took quite a while to get approved. The location will be at the area nearest the population sign, next to the road. The County hopes for construction on the welcome monument to start in early January or February. The design was paid for by the owner of the Cavalier, Mike Hanchette and Family. The District is very grateful for their contribution. Construction of the Gateway Monument and installation of the Interpretive Signs will be paid for by the Cal Trans Grant.

"Interpretive signs" will be installed at the Pico Beach Access by the end of this year. This was also part of the Cal Trans Grant Award. Information on San Simeon sea life will be on the signs. They will be low and will not interrupt the scenery. The installation will be done by the California Conservation Corps. Two to three signs will be located by the Pico Stairs and one will be located by the San Simeon Avenue Beach Access.

We are looking forward to the updated District look, we hope you are too!

TEMPORARY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Monday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Thursday 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Closed for Veteran's Day November 11th

Closed for Thanksgiving November 24th & 25th
(Closed at 12PM on the 23rd)

Closed Christmas December 23rd - December 26th

Closed at 12 PM December 31st

Closed for New Year's January 2nd

✓ **MAKE SURE TO VOTE
ELECTIONS ARE NOVEMBER 8TH
YOUR VOICE MAKES A DIFFERENCE.**



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***** Next San Simeon CSD *****

**Board of Director's Meeting
Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Cavalier Ballroom
6:00 PM**