

San Simeon Quarterly Newsletter

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News from the General Manager

Water conservation continues to be a major concern for the District and the community of San Simeon. Our awareness was heightened by the lack of rain and dangerously low water well levels that occurred during 2007. District staff in cooperation with the Hearst Corporation, has prepared an emergency well in case of future drought emergencies, well #3. Negotiations are being finalized with Hearst Corporation for its periodic use if necessary.

With the significant repairs that have taken place during 2006, the wastewater treatment plant, demonstrated a reduction in State mandated limit exceedances during 2007. The efforts undertaken by staff to secure a reliable infrastructure are made possible by the support of our community. The time, effort and funds used at the wastewater treatment plant are well spent. We look forward to your continued support in strengthen our communities aged infrastructure as we move forward with water well rehabilitations and master plan projects.

Contractor / District Activity

Annual sewer line cleaning is schedule to occur during the month of February. Once started, you will notice a large white truck working in the roads for two to three days. Fire Hydrant flushing will occur during the month of February and March.

Helpful Information

The Next regularly scheduled SSCSD Board meeting is Wednesday February 13, 2008 at 6:00 pm at the Cavalier Banquet Room.

Stage One & Two Water use limitations

With the help of the winter rains and the flow of Pico Creek into the Ocean once again, the San Simeon CSD has lifted the stage one and two water use restrictions as of January 9. Water remains our most precious and scarce resource and needs to be used conservatively.

Water Conservation

This year was the first year in recent memory in which stage two was implemented. Our water wells came dangerously close to being affected by saltwater intrusion. As we welcome these well needed winter rains, we still need to think of conservation.

Consider changing your spring flower beds or future landscaping to drought tolerant foliage. Any tips that you can share with your community are always welcome. Your can send your tips along with your water bill or simply stop by your San Simeon CSD office.

There is still free water available for outside irrigation and can be picked up ½ mile down San Simeon Creek Road, from a garden hose on the right. Bring your own container.

A leaking toilet or faucet will waste as much as 5 gallons of water per hour depending on the severity of the leak. A water leak in a vacant resident such as a rental home is not only wasteful but can significantly increase the tenant or owner's water bill if left uncorrected.

It is a good practice to periodically inspect vacant premises for leaking fixtures to avoid paying a higher than usual water bill at a vacant rental property.