## Newsletter December, 2002 Editor: Tom Bass

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# Upcoming Events:

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### **Board Meetings**

Second Friday of the month at 8:30am at the District Offices. 270 Alpine Meadows Rd. Alpine Meadows, CA

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# DISTRICT NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC...

The District newsletter as well as other important announcements, information and queries are produced by the District staff and mailed to you at some expense. In order to reduce that expense and provide for a more efficient and timely means of communication, we would like to be able to put you on the email list and take you off of the US Postal Service (USPS) mailing list. Everything that you receive via the USPS (other than billing) is posted on the District web site. At your request, we will remove you from the USPS delivery database and add you to the email delivery database so that you can view and print (if desired) any future correspondence from the District. This would include any future surveys, announcements, newsletters, agendas, minutes, etc. Just include in your request the types of information notifications that you would like to receive via email. Once you have been placed in the email database you will receive a test email to make sure we've got it right. It's as simple as that. Please send your requests to John@alpinesprings.org

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# SANTA VISITS

The Fire Department Volunteers have once again made special arrangement with Santa Claus for special visits to the community. These visits will be made on Christmas Eve, with transportation being provided by the Fire Department's engine. As you may imagine, at this time of year, Santa's time is very limited, and he has asked that we fix the total number of visits to fifteen (15). Arrangements will be made through the District office on a first come first serve basis. Please call Pam Zinn at extension 10, at your earliest convenience.

# FIRE ORDINANCE

At the November 8, 2002 meeting of the Board of Directors, an Ordinance was passed which modifies the fire suppressions system requirements within the District boundaries effective June 1, 2003. These modifications include:

1. Requiring sprinkler systems in:

- a. All new residential construction
- b. All new commercial construction
- c. All residential additions with a total building square footage greater than 3,600 square feet and 50% increase over original area.
- d. All commercial additions with a total building square footage greater than 1,500 square feet and 50% increase over original area.

2. Require monitoring systems in:

- a. All residential additions with a total building square footage greater than 600 square feet.
- b. All commercial additions with a total building square footage greater than 600 square feet.

The ordinance can be viewed and printed at the District web page: <u>http://www.alpinesprings.org</u> (There will be an appeal process for hardship cases) One of the adjuncts to the new ordinance will be an attempt by the District to get a monitoring Contractor to provide the District residence with a special services contract. It is envisioned that this contract would allow for easy signup and hopefully a favorable group rate. We will be working on it in the months to come and will keep you posted as to our progress.

### WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY

The District continues to look at the possible solutions to the existing water resources shortfall that appears during the summer. Typically, during the month of August, water supply can not keep up with water demand, mainly due to irrigation. Over the past several years, the operations staff has augmented the spring water supply with a potable vertical well located at the end of Beaver Dam Trail. This augmentation is no longer sufficient to overcome the increase in demands.

The District Directors are diligently looking at both long and short range alternatives available to help alleviate this situation. These alternatives include:

- 1. Implementing a voluntary conservation program.
- 2. Rehabilitating one or more of the existing spring sources.
- 3. Building additional storage.
- 4. Funding of a leak test survey to evaluate distribution system losses
- 5. Restricting/modifying water used in two valley ponds (Bear Creek & Alpine Meadows Community Park).
- 6. Connecting an existing potable vertical well located near the park to the distribution system.

### **NEW DIRECTORS**

The District's Board of Directors has two new members, Barbara Danz and Tony Stefani. Janet Grant (an incumbent) was re-elected to another term in office. These Directors will each serve four year terms ending in December 2006. The District staff would like to welcome these new faces to this most important role and wishes them all the best. We look forward to working with you.

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The Alpine Springs County Water District wants your input, Comments and suggestions

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