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OUR VISION IS TO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE AND RELIABLE SERVICES IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS MANNER THAT PRODUCES A HIGH LEVEL OF RATEPAYER SATISFACTION.

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WELCOME!

Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District has some exciting updates and news to share with you! We continue to provide a concise report of important news and events and how they affect your water and wastewater system. If you have questions about items in this newsletter, please email them to Penny Cuadras, at pcuadras@hvllcsd.org; we will respond to your inquiries as soon as possible. In the meantime, please familiarize yourself with our website, www.hvllcsd.org, which contains a lot of helpful information. We encourage you to check it out!

PROJECT UPDATES


LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

In 2020, the District adopted its first Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) which outlined the mitigation opportunities for threats against water and wastewater infrastructure in Hidden Valley Lake. The Plan was crucial in unlocking access to federal and state funding opportunities for projects. Since the Plan's adoption, the District has received funding for four major projects: tank replacements, backup power acquisition, water mainline

replacements, and vegetation removal. The District has hired Foster Morrison Consulting, Ltd to help us update the existing LHMP for 2025, and we need your help to do it! Check out our website under District Business > Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (<https://www.hvllcsd.org/local-hazard-mitigation-plan>) for the latest updates, meeting dates, and directions on how to provide your input. We can't wait to hear from you!

ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) — SAVE WATER, PAY LESS!

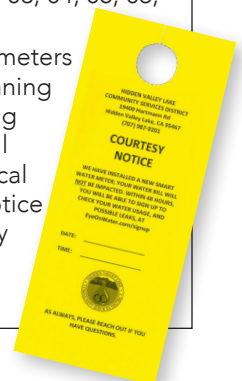
Throughout the community, staff continues to replace aged water meters with modern ones. These new meters contain technology that allows customers to track water usage, receive alerts, and identify possible leaks.

If your property has received one of these new meters, be sure to set up your  **EyeOnWater** account to take advantage of this new feature! Go to www.EyeOnWater.com/signup to sign up today or visit www.hvllcsd.org/eye-on-water for more information.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE A SMART METER?

You have a smart meter if your account number begins with 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, or 12.

We are currently installing meters for account numbers beginning with 13. Accounts beginning with 14 all the way to 21 will be installed next in numerical order. A yellow courtesy notice will be left on your property when your smart meter is installed.





WATER STORAGE RELIABILITY

Construction continues at the water tank site located on Eagle Rock Road. During construction, the original wooden tank will be replaced with two larger steel tanks that are better suited to serve our community's water needs.

Construction is expected to be completed by the end of this year. As work continues, please be aware of the increased activity in the area. Be sure to abide by all traffic signs and flaggers for everyone's safety.

◀ Contractors preparing the soil for new piping at the Unit 9 tank site.

BACKUP POWER RELIABILITY PROJECT

The District is dedicated to protecting our community's infrastructure and recognizes the threat and susceptibility of our community to wildfire and Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). This project will obtain permanent generators at water pumping stations. This guarantee of power will ensure that we

can get water everywhere it needs to go—from our tanks to our residents, and to our firefighters.

We have recently demolished an unused building to create space for more secure and fire-resistant infrastructure. The permanent generators will be stationed there and help distribute water to the community during outages.



other news

FIRE-DETECTION CAMERA

In coordination with CalFIRE, Delphire, Inc. has installed a fire-detection camera at the Little Peak tank site. This effort is part of a test run of equipment that quickly detects wildfires. The camera works so well that within just hours of its installation, it detected a controlled burn all the way on Cobb Mountain!



▲ The new camera at the Little Peak tank site. Great views!



Help Reduce Disaster Losses in Your Community by Participating in the Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District (HVLCS D) is developing a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update to their 2020 plan. The purpose of the LHMP Update is to assess risk to natural hazards, implement actions to reduce future losses, and maintain eligibility for federal mitigation grant funding in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

What is Hazard Mitigation?

Hazard mitigation means any action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from natural hazards.

Why is Hazard Mitigation Important?

Most people who live or work in Lake County and the Hidden Valley Lake area have been affected by natural hazards in one way or another. HVLCS D and the surrounding community are vulnerable to a variety of hazards including floods, drought, wildfire, and other severe weather events.

Rising costs associated with disaster response and recovery have focused the attention of federal, state, and local government officials on addressing natural hazards before they occur. For example, torrential rains and floods cannot always be prevented from occurring. Planning for natural hazards and implementing hazard mitigation and risk reduction measures, however, can reduce the impact of such events when they do occur. Emergency response and recovery costs; property damage; personal injury and loss of life; and the overall economic and social impact on the District and its community can all be reduced, and in some instances eliminated through natural hazard mitigation.

2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Plan Update Process

HVLCS D staff are leading the effort to develop an update to their 2020 LHMP. The 2024 LHMP Update is being developed by a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) comprised of representatives from various District departments; neighboring jurisdictions; key federal, state, and local agency stakeholders; and the public.

The plan will be developed to meet new FEMA LHMP guidance (effective April 2023) and will address an updated list of hazards and assess the likely risk and vulnerability of these hazards to the people and assets of the HVLCS D planning area. This will involve establishing an updated mitigation strategy designed to reduce the impacts of future disasters on people and property, critical facilities and infrastructure, and the environment as well as to the local economy.

Opportunities for Input

Members of the community have a very important role in this process. Several planning committee and public meetings will be held over the next 11 months. A draft of the 2024 HLVCSO LHMP Update will be available in the fall of 2024 for review and comment by the public and all interested stakeholders on the HLVCSO LHMP website at: <https://www.hvlcsd.org/local-hazard-mitigation-plan> and in hard copy form in select public locations. A public meeting on the Draft Plan and a final planning committee meeting will also occur in winter 2024. All interested stakeholders and members of the public are encouraged to attend the planning committee and public meetings.

For more information on this project contact the following individuals:

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