

**Wheeler Crest  
Community Services District  
129 Willow Road  
Swall Meadows, CA 93514**



## **THE DROUGHT IS NOT OVER!**

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You are receiving this correspondence because you have property in the ***Wheeler Crest Community Services District*** but do not have an active lateral on the system at this time. This past year has been challenging for all. The need to rebuild for some and the desire to replant and be surrounded by some sense of “normal” vegetation for others. If you have not visited the community recently, it is encouraging to see the homes that are being rebuilt and the progress that is being made.

Although this winters’ snow level is “normal”, we are still way below the amount of water/snow required to pull us out of this drought. As a small community water district, we are still under a CA state mandate to reduce water consumption by 25%. Thanks to all, the District met that goal. There was an ***overall reduction of 31% (2014 vs. 2015)*** for the Pinon/Rimrock water system. The State uses 2013 water usage as a baseline for comparison but we still met the objective.

***Wellhouse 1*** – that was destroyed in the fire has been re-built. The first well on the system (well 1) which has been inoperable for several years was officially retired. CA office of Emergency Services – (CA-OES) cleared the lot after the fire and removed all debris and dangerous materials. A temporary bypass was built that allowed us to manually regulate the filling of reservoir 1. After the structure was re-built, the valves that control the filling of reservoir 1 were replaced/installed. Telemetry equipment was replaced/installed and the connection to well house 2 was re-established. This automatically turns on and off the need to pump from our three existing wells and operates the valves to fill the reservoirs. Well House 1 is in full operation and is now called Pressure Station 1 (PS1).

***During the fire*** – not only did we lose Well house 1, but there was no electricity in the area. It was required that the delivery of water and the filling of the reservoirs be established before re-population of the area was allowed. We would like to acknowledge the effort of Gary Wright, our systems operator and Swall Meadows resident that went above and beyond in getting the system operational. Also, J.T. Hatter electrical and Mammoth Lakes Community Water District for the use of their generator that allowed us to get our pumps working before the power was re-established.

From: Wheeler Crest Community Service District

To: Pinon / Rimrock Water System inactive laterals

Re: The Drought is not over.

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