

Yosemite Alpine Community Services District
POB 31, Fish Camp, CA 93623

September 2022 Communication

WATER USAGE. Thank you to all who have been conservative with their water usage. YACSD has been able to keep up with the demand because of your efforts. Let's hope the drought will come to a close with this winter's precipitation.

BEAR/GARBAGE/REFUSE ISSUES. **Please see the comments on the back page.**

WATER TURN OFF. Please continue to turn off the water to your home when you leave. Cold weather will be here soon and the pipes will be vulnerable to freezing and ultimately leaking.

PAYMENTS. Thank you to all who have sent in their annual payments. Please remember they are due to YACSD by September 25, 2022.

OVERVIEW OF AUG. 27, 2022 BOARD MEETING. Discussion was held regarding the overdue bills from last September. The Board has always recognized that our customers are also our neighbors and has been very patient with those who have not paid their bills in a timely fashion. Those that pay on time are carrying others, and it is not fair. Regretfully, the abuse by some means that the Board must now take a stricter approach. A bylaw change will be proposed at the next YACSD meeting. Shutting off the water once the bill is 60 days overdue was discussed.

Barry Green and Tim McGinty filed their reelection papers with Mariposa County. Chair Patti Frey did not, as she had announced previously that she would not run for reelection. Come December YACSD will be back to 4 board members.

Discussion was held about the Giuntini proposal of YACSD taking over water distribution to Block D. There are more questions than answers right now, so further communication with Mr. Giuntini is necessary.

Concerns about inappropriate garbage cans being used in YACSD were expressed. Bears are being attracted to the easy pickings. Please see the back of this *Communication* for more info.

NEXT MEETING. Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 11:00 am the board of directors will meet at the Tenaya Lodge for the next board meeting. The meeting will be held via ZOOM and the public is invited to attend in person.

YOUR YACSD BOARD.

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Bear Control

Fish Camp has seen a dramatic increase in the number of bear sightings recently. Bears scavenge for food scraps in garbage cans and other items like ice chests. The Mariposa Bear Control ordinance is summarized below. The full text is found at https://mariposa.municipalcodeonline.com/book?type=ordinances#name=8.44_Bear_Preventive/Control_Measures).

All owners in Fish Camp must ensure the proper handling of garbage to minimize attracting bears, whether their properties are owner-occupied or full- or part-time rentals. Remember that a bear that becomes a nuisance will eventually be dispatched, even though the problem is created by the inappropriate handling and disposal of garbage by people. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should ANY wild animal be fed by people.

All food substance or other substance that would reasonably be expected to attract bears, including, but not limited to discarded refuse or food stuff, ("garbage"), shall be placed into a bear-proof collection bin.

- **"Bear-proof collection bin"** is a secured container, made of metal or equivalent, with a locked lid or a swinging door on top of the bin or equivalent, that makes the contents of the bin inaccessible to bears.
- **"Bear-proof container/structure"** is any container or structure that as a result of its construction makes the contents of the container or structure inaccessible to bears.
- **"Garbage"** shall be all food substance that would reasonably be expected to attract bears, including, but not limited to discarded refuse or food stuff.

The owner, lessee, resident or person exercising physical control of any private property, including businesses, shall at all times, **place garbage in private bear-proof containers for collection, or inside bear-proof structures.**

Each bear-proof container or structure shall be kept clean inside and out, so that no odor or nuisance shall exist. Covers shall not be removed except when necessary to place garbage inside the bear-proof container or to remove the garbage from the bear-proof container. The bear-proof container or structure shall not be overloaded to the extent covers cannot be securely replaced, or the structure securely closed.

Violation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable under Chapter 1.20, the general penalty provisions of this code. County shall additionally have any legal remedy at law in the event of a violation. The Mariposa County public works department shall regulate and enforce the provisions of this chapter.

Be a good neighbor / transient business operator and be sure that all your property's garbage is being handled according to the law. Do not leave other items like ice chests (*even if they are empty*) unsecured. Bears learn quickly what items are associated with food.