



## The GM's Corner: Fall 2019

*Dear Camrosa Customers,*

On July 1, Camrosa began the 2019-2020 fiscal year with plans to expand our water supply portfolio, prepare for emergencies, and continue working on the local projects we've identified in our Capital Improvement Project program.

While we're already well into the first quarter of this new fiscal year, I wanted to take a quick look at some of the highlights from fiscal year 2018-2019:

- We rehabilitated two of our 11 wells to maintain and improve their productivity and reliability.
- The annual financial audit took place, which involves an outside auditor reviewing the District's financial records.
- Camrosa staff enhanced their knowledge and skills by completing State certifications in the areas of water treatment and distribution.
- We finished construction of the Camarillo Sanitary District (CamSan) recycled water line (more on this project below).
- District staff led two community facilities tours, which showed nearly 100 customers how our District works and where their ratepayer dollars go.
- We joined a coalition of water suppliers and advocacy groups to communicate our opposition to a drinking water tax and were gratified the State Legislature adopted an alternative funding mechanism.

Looking ahead to the rest of this fiscal year, here's what we have on the horizon:

- **CamSan Interconnection:** The newly completed pipeline from the City of Camarillo's wastewater treatment plant to Camrosa's system will enhance our non-potable portfolio with up to 500 acre-feet of recycled water annually.

- **Pleasant Valley Well #2:** Located adjacent to the existing Woodcreek Well next to Tierra Linda Elementary School, completion of this 700-foot well will provide the District with 1,000 acre-feet of water a year. Two households of four typically use one acre-foot of water annually, so this quantity of water will be significant. Every acre foot of water we produce from groundwater basins in our service area is one less we have to import from Metropolitan Water District—at greater cost and greater risk than local water.
- **Legislative/Policy Advocacy:** As state agencies develop implementation plans for the 2019 Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, the 2018 Water Conservation and Drought Planning Act, the 2015 Low Income Rate Assistance Program, and host of other programs related to the 2012 Human Right to Water Act, Camrosa will be involved at the highest levels we can access. Our primary concern is that ratepayers aren't burdened with the cost of programs they won't benefit from and that the projects you've invested in continue to provide the benefits they were built to provide.
- **Earthquake Resilience:** Earthquakes are a reality in our region and keeping our facilities seismically resilient is critical. We continually assess the District's infrastructure and will be completing the engineering design for the replacement of reservoir 4C to meet current seismic standards.
- **Emergency Response Planning:** We will be enhancing the Incident Command Center at our main office. This central communications hub will be equipped with the latest tools necessary for staff to respond to a disaster in our area.

And speaking of emergency response planning, Camrosa has a dedicated page on our Web site with information about what you need to get ready for an emergency, which could include an interruption in water service. Visit [www.camrosa.com/emergencyprep](http://www.camrosa.com/emergencyprep) for this important information.

Finally, we have two customer education opportunities coming up this fall: on September 14, we'll hold a workshop focusing on grass removal. If you're planning to take out your lawn, you'll want to attend this free class to learn how to do it right. On October 19, we host our second and final Facilities Tour for the year, which allows

customers the chance to go behind the scenes of our District and see how water is treated and delivered. For either event, call (805) 482-4016 or email [clopez@camrosa.com](mailto:clopez@camrosa.com) for additional information or to register.

Wishing you and yours a pleasant autumn.

As always, it is a privilege to serve you,

Tony L. Stafford, General Manager

P.S.—Our Customer Service staff can be reached at (805) 388-0226 or [customerservice@camrosa.com](mailto:customerservice@camrosa.com) for questions during normal business hours, and around the clock for emergencies. And for the latest District and water news, check back on our Web site, or find us on social media at **@CamrosaWater** on [Twitter](#), Nextdoor, Instagram, and Facebook.