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# QUAIL VALLEY WATER DISTRICT *NEWS*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## WATER RATE REMINDER

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Quail Valley Water District held August 23, 2025, the Board approved the next scheduled rate increase of 10% to be effective with your January water bill. This will bring the monthly meter fee to \$162.58 for a standard residential 5/8 X 3/4 meter. Consumption charges for the first 12 units (1 Unit = 748 Gallons) will increase to \$10.45 per unit. Tier 2 consumption (13 Units to 24 Units) will increase to \$12.53 per Unit while Tier 3 (25 Units to 36 Units) will be \$18.80 per Unit. Tier 4 usage (all usage over 24 Units) increases to \$41.78. While no one likes rate increases, this increase is necessary to cover the inflationary cost increases the District is experiencing.

## HOLIDAY SEASON VIGILANCE

The holiday season is here and so are the hazards. While we all hopefully made it through the Thanksgiving holiday unscathed, Christmas and New Year's Eve are coming fast, and with them come an increase in theft, household fires, carbon monoxide poisoning, and many other concerns.

It is the time of year that we all need to remain vigilant. With the increased reliance on home deliveries, porch pirates will be out looking for packages. Be sure to track your deliveries and be prepared to meet the driver and bring packages in before the crooks can grab them. Also be mindful when shopping-be on the lookout for anyone suspicious in parking lots and stores, don't leave packages visible in cars, and be sure to keep car doors locked.

Household fires increase with the holidays and winter weather. Be sure you have fresh batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms! Don't use space heaters with extension cords, the cord can overheat starting a fire. Also keep combustibles away from heaters. Be sure to keep live and fresh cut Christmas trees from drying out, they can burn like gasoline!

Another winter hazard is Carbon Monoxide poisoning. Do not use unapproved heaters indoors! Heaters that use an open flame produce noxious fumes and require a continuous source of fresh air! Another common source of Carbon Monoxide is the internal combustion engine. Don't start your car and leave it to warm up inside of a garage and DO NOT run a generator indoors or within 10 feet of a window or other fresh air inlet to your house.

Winter also brings freezing temperatures and exposure can be deadly. Make sure you carry a blanket in your car in case you get stuck or breakdown. Always carry a jacket, warm footwear, and a hat in case you have to get out in the cold. Watch out for ice-slips and falls can be painful or worse! Driving in inclement weather also increases your chances of being in an accident. Be sure you have adequate tread on your tires, good windshield wipers, and all of your lights work. Take a moment to consider if that quick trip to the store is really necessary or if it can wait until the roads are clear?

**Let's all be safe and have an enjoyable holiday!**

## ATTEMPTED VEHICLE THEFT

Recently an attempt was made to steal the District's service trucks. Luckily, the thief or thieves, were unsuccessful but both trucks were damaged, along with our fence. While the trucks are insured (which is an expense in itself), the damage is not costly enough to justify an insurance claim. District staff will be implementing additional security measures to prevent a recurrence.

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of Quail Valley Water District will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 8:30 AM in the District Office, 24750 Sand Canyon Road.