

PURISSIMA PIPELINE

Maurice R. Johnson

Maury Johnson passed away this month. Maury joined the Board in 1959, just three years after the District was formed. He was the ninth director on the Board of Directors and served the District for 45 years—as president for 11 years and as vice president for two years.

Maury was on many Board committees. He was actively involved in establishing the District's office building at the Town Hall site and was instrumental in the construction of the District's new home in 2007. More importantly, he worked tirelessly on the complex issue of augmenting the District's water supply.

Maury retired from the Board at age 96. His leadership, knowledge, dedication and service to the customers of the District will long be remembered.

Zone 2.5, Phase II, Project

The District will soon start the construction of its next capital improvement project, Zone 2.5, Phase II. The affected area is on the ridge on La Cresta Drive from approximately Nina Place on the north to Leander Drive and La Barranca Drive to the south. This ridge suffered extensive damage during the Loma Prieta earthquake, causing concern for the aging infrastructure and lack of redundancy.

This area could not be adequately served with Zone 2 pressures, thus Zone 2.5 was created by regulating Zone 3 pressure on La Barranca Drive. This resulted in low fire flows because it is a one-way feed.

The project consists of switching this area to the District's high pressure Zone 3 and upgrading most of the mains. This will increase fire flows and add much needed redundancy, as well as move water more efficiently throughout the District from our source.

Due to the size of the entire Zone 2.5 Project, it has been split it into three separate construction phases:

- ❖ Phase I involved the northerly connection to the District's Deer Creek Pump Station on Arastradero Road which was completed two years ago and funded entirely by the Los Altos Hills County Fire District.
- ❖ Phase II will be funded by District and will extend from south of Nina Place to the end of La Cresta Drive.
- ❖ Phase III involves the final connection from La Cresta Drive to La Barranca at Elena Drive to be completed during the summer of 2010.

The District received 10 bids for Phase II of the Zone 2.5 Project, with the lowest bid coming in at just over \$1 million. The Board is expected to award the project at a special meeting on September 17. Construction should begin in mid-October.