

# **1999-2000 GRAND JURY REPORT**

## **Pinyon Pines**

### **County Water District**

#### **Background**

Pinyon Pines County Water District was formed around 1967. The district encompasses nearly one-half square mile and has two wells supplying water to approximately eighty (80) connections. There are four 10,000-gallon tanks and one 45,000-gallon tank. Recent installation of a new fire hydrant allows for fire fighting water support for helicopters. The district has a five-member elected board of directors, that serves without compensation, a part-time General Manager and a part-time secretary.

#### **Findings**

1. The General Manager is using a personal phone for water district business, which is listed under the General Manager's name. There is no phone, or listing, for the water district.
2. GTE has been contacted many times over the past years to install an additional telephone line to provide direct service to the district, as well as listing the water district in the telephone directory.
3. The mailing address for the district was changed around 1997. The Assessor's Office has continually neglected to change the address, after numerous written and oral requests. This has resulted in the water district's mail being "returned to sender."

#### **Recommendations**

##### **Riverside County Executive Officer and Riverside County Assessor**

1. The County Executive Officer contact GTE to have an official telephone line installed and listed in the telephone directory.
2. The County Assessor immediately change the mailing address of the water district:

**From:** Pinyon Pines County Water District  
Pinyon Pines 63  
Mountain Center, CA 92361

**To:** Pinyon Pines County Water District  
62011 Stonecrest #63  
Mountain Center, CA 92561

