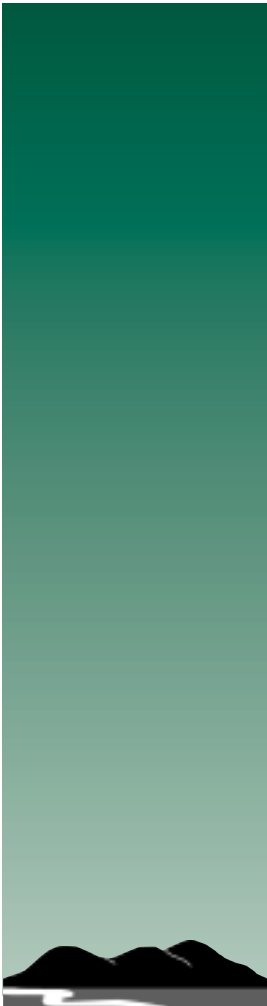


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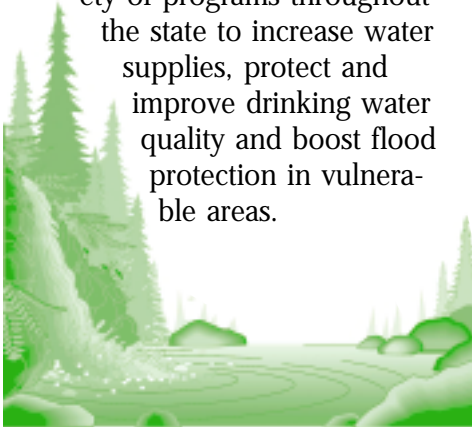


HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Voters to consider Prop. 13 water bond in March election

California voters will consider a \$1.97 billion water bond on the March 7 primary election ballot.

The measure would fund a variety of programs throughout the state to increase water supplies, protect and improve drinking water quality and boost flood protection in vulnerable areas.



The Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act— Proposition 13 on the ballot— would provide benefits to virtually every city and county in the state. A large portion of the bond funding is specifically identified for southern California projects.

The bond has garnered support from a broad cross section of business, labor, water and environmental leaders. Among the measure's supporters are the California State Council of Laborers, California Manufacturers Association, the Nature Conservancy, the Audubon

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Have a "conservation conversation," get water-saving tips by phone

Stacy and Bill, our conservation specialists, are happy to announce another free service they're providing for you.

They've recorded water conservation tips on a special telephone number. You can hear those timely tips free on this giant 'party line' as easily as picking up your phone and keying in a number.

There's a new message each month.

January's message stresses cool weather planting tips for your yard or garden.

In February, they'll discuss soil preparation and fertilizing, as you look forward to spring planting.

To reach the conservation tips line, just call EMWD's main number (909-928-3777), then enter extension 4517. Sorry, Stacy and Bill aren't able to accept messages or return calls on this line. ▲

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Happy New Year! Ready or not, Y2K is here

We hope the new year came in joyfully and without problems where you live!

This article had to be written in mid-December, so we couldn't yet tell you precisely how EMWD's water and wastewater systems fared, but we'll give you a full report in our next newsletter, to be published in March.

We did not expect any significant difficulties within our system, but we were fully prepared to respond to anything that might have occurred "just in case." About 50 employees spent New Year's Eve and much of New Year's Day at the District's offices, ready to handle any problems. Another 60 were on stand-by status at home in case they were needed. ▲

OOPS

School "left out"

Our apologies to the students of Moreno Valley's Valley View High School. They were accidentally left out of the article in the previous newsletter about students earning money for their schools by helping us with the 1999 ultra-low-flush-toilet give-away program.

The District's next ULFT distribution program will be held in May 2000. Details will be announced in the next newsletter. ▲

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY EMWD
1950-2000**

Are you flushing money away?

How much does a leaking toilet cost you? It can easily be a dollar a day, or more. Sometimes much more!

A small, silent toilet leak can waste as much as 40 gallons of water a day. However, a toilet that runs constantly with the flapper stuck open can consume as much as five to seven gallons a minute! At that rate, you could be costing yourself over \$14 a day!

It's easy to check a toilet for leaks by simply putting about ten drops of blue food coloring in the tank. Don't flush! Wait a few minutes, then look to see whether the color has begun to appear in the toilet bowl. If it has, you've got a leak!

Fixing the problem is frequently almost as easy as discovering it. Check your toilet for leaks twice a year, four times if you use a tank cleaning chemical. Leaks generally get larger and more costly with time, so don't put off these simple repairs. Necessary parts are quite inexpensive and are available at practically any hardware store.

A "standard" toilet uses from 3-1/2 to 7 gallons of water per flush. The average household flushes 15 to 20 times a day, which is 70 to 140 gallons of water daily right down the drain. The newer, ultra-low-flush-toilets use only 1.6 gallons per flush. Watch for EMWD's annual giveaway of ULF toilets in May 2000. Look for details in the next (March) edition of this newsletter. ▲

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<i>Leak Source</i>	<i>Cause or Symptom</i>	<i>What To Do</i>
Water leaking under flapper	Flapper or valve seat is worn and closing improperly, allowing water to seep into bowl	Replace flapper, valve seat, or both
Water flowing into top of overflow outlet tube	Float ball may be riding too high, spilling water into bowl	Adjust float or water level
Mechanical assembly not functioning properly	Noise, hissing - chain linking handle and stopper may be kinked or fouled, so flapper won't close	Adjust chain. Sometimes necessary to replace entire assembly



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EMWD
Main Number
(909) 928-3777

BILLING INQUIRIES

In Perris and Sun City
call main number
Elsewhere (toll free)
1 - (800) 426-3693

JOB INQUIRIES

Call main number, follow
recorded instructions

**CONSERVATION
INFORMATION**

Call main number,
then ext. 4387

CONSERVATION TIPS

Call main number,
then ext. 4517

**COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT,
EDUCATION**

Call main number,
then ext. 4226

WATER QUALITY

Call main number,
then ext. 6238

**SYSTEM OUTAGES,
TROUBLE CALLS**

Call main number, then
ext. 6265 or (toll free)
1 - (800) 698-0400

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“Proposition 13” . . . *Continued from page 1*

Society, League of Women Voters, California Chamber of Commerce, Agricultural Council of California, Association of California Water Agencies, the Planning and Conservation League, California State Association of Counties, and Governor Gray Davis.

If enacted, the bond would fund a variety of water management programs that could increase water supplies by a million acre-feet—equal to the annual needs of eight million people—and provides urgently needed water supplies in the event of drought. Drought is a permanently recurring condition in California. We know that all too well in our arid region.

In addition, the bond would improve and protect drinking water quality and promote more efficient use of existing water supplies. It would also improve the quality of California rivers, streams and coastal waters, and protect and restore wildlife habitat.

At the time this was written in mid-December, there was no organized opposition to the measure. However, an opposing argument had been submitted for publication in the voters’ handbook. Signed by a past chair of the Libertarian Party, a county supervisor in northern California and an insurance adjuster, the argument cites high cost.

For additional information about Proposition 13, contact the Association of California Water Agencies in Sacramento at (916) 441-4545, or log onto the Association’s web site at www.acwanet.com. You can also obtain informational materials by calling Eastern Municipal Water District at (909) 928-3777, Ext. 4226 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ▲

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