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EMWD reports...

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Accommodating growth

It's not uncommon in our area to see new housing developments "crop up" seemingly overnight. In fact, EMWD adds about 500 new water accounts a month! It begs the question "what is the water district doing to accommodate the growth?"

EMWD receives about 80 percent of its water from The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), which imports water from Northern California via the State Water Project and the Colorado River Aqueduct. The rest is pumped from local wells.

Though MWD faces a reduction in water supplies from the Colorado River, the agency expects to provide a reliable source of water through 2020 through water transfer programs; conservation; and development of local resources, such as recycling and desalinating sea-water and brackish water in underground aquifers. MWD is also counting on member agencies, such as EMWD, to develop means of stretching supplies or developing local sources.

To make the most of our local resources, EMWD:

- imports both treated and untreated water
- collects, treats, and recycles wastewater for agricultural use and irrigation
- uses desalination to treat brackish water, that is otherwise too salty to use
- utilizes a multipurpose wetlands to treat secondary wastewater
- provides innovative education, awareness, and conservation programs

We are committed to providing safe and reliable water and wastewater services to our community in an economical, efficient, and responsible manner, now and in the future.



REPORTS...

EMWD celebrates California Water Awareness Month

Hundreds of water purveyors across the state, including EMWD, celebrate California Water Awareness Month each May. The

purpose of this statewide effort is to raise awareness of water issues including quality, distribution, and conservation.

In late April, the EMWD Board of Directors declared May as Water Awareness Month - as did our local city councils - conveying the importance of maintaining a reliable supply of high quality water and encouraging the public to use water wisely. In addition, EMWD sponsored a variety of activities and events including:

- **First Annual Community Water Festival** - A Saturday family event held at the Promenade Mall in Temecula, featuring hands-on water awareness activities and shows; sponsored by local and regional agencies as well as the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- **Protector del Agua** - A water management course for landscape maintenance technicians, including school district personnel, commercial maintenance contractors, city maintenance personnel, management companies, and site managers; conducted at EMWD; co-sponsored by MWD
- **Solar Splash** - An education program where student teams throughout Southern California build and race environmentally-friendly solar powered boats; this year, students from Valley View High School in Moreno Valley and Paloma Valley High School in Menifee will represent EMWD's service district in a speed and endurance competition at Lake Skinner; cosponsored by MWD

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A free water survey could save you money

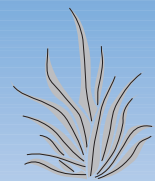
Simple upgrades and repairs around the house, such as repairing a water leak; adjusting your irrigation timer; and upgrading older, inefficient toilets or a clothes washer can save you significant amounts of water and long-term savings on your water bill.

EMWD offers residential customers a free Indoor/Outdoor Water Survey to determine practical ways to save water and money. EMWD representatives will come to your home and conduct a survey.

The Indoor/Outdoor Water Survey may include:

- 💧 an efficiency analysis of toilets, shower heads, aerators, etc.
- 💧 leak detection
- 💧 an irrigation analysis - learn how to operate your timer
- 💧 a soil/water retention survey
- 💧 much more!

Make an appointment for your free Indoor/Outdoor Water Survey by calling 928-3777 x4384 or by emailing us at conservation@emwd.org.



Did you know?

According to the California Association of Nurserymen, more plants are lost due to over-watering than any other cause. Create your own customized watering schedule by logging onto www.emwd.org and following the directions under the Sprinkler Index and MWD's Water Calculator.

Annual Consumer Confidence Report

Want to know more about your tapwater? Look for EMWD's Annual Consumer Confidence Report, which will be mailed, separate from your bill, in late June.

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- 💧 **Recognition of "Water is Life" Poster Contest winners** - An annual poster contest open to kindergarten through 6th grade students in public and private schools, yielding over 3,000 entries this year! Select winning EMWD entries will be submitted to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to compete against other Southern California winners for a spot on the 2004 calendar

For more information about these programs, visit our Website at www.emwd.org or call Community Involvement at 928-3777 x4226.

Poster Contest Winners

Following are two of the winning entries in EMWD's 2003 "Water is Life" Poster Contest.



*Submitted By:
Jose Figueroa, a 2nd grader in Ms. Ann Acton's class at Hyatt Elementary School, San Jacinto Unified School District*



*Submitted By:
Allison Brown, a 6th grader in Ms. Lynette McClintock's class at Thompson Middle School, Murrieta Valley Unified School District*