



APPROVED RATE INCREASE TIED TO CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

San Juan Water District is committed to providing quality service for its customers. In an effort to maintain this high level of service and to cover general increases in the cost of doing business, the San Juan Water District Board of Directors has approved a three percent water rate increase to take effect this September.

The approved rate increase is consistent with this past years' 2.8 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) used to measure inflation. This was managed through diligent efforts to hold or decrease costs wherever possible. Overall, standard residential customers only will experience an increase of approximately two cents to their daily base charge.

If you have questions regarding the new rate change, please call our customer service staff at (916) 791-0115.

As a community services district established in 1954, San Juan Water District is a non-profit organization established for the benefit of the consumer. The water district cannot charge customers more than the cost of providing service.

THE RESULTS ARE IN — SJWD CONTINUES TO PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY WATER

Every year, water districts are required by federal law to complete a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to inform customers about their water quality. San Juan Water District is pleased to announce that **customer drinking water continues to meet all federal and state health standards.**

A copy of the CCR report will be arriving in your mailbox this summer and also can be found on our Web site at www.sjwd.org.



TAX REDUCTION AHEAD!

Customers can look forward to one less item on their annual property taxes this year! In 1974 and 1979, voter-approved bonds were purchased by San Juan Water District to fund various water system improvements including: Water Treatment Plant upgrades, the Baldwin Pump Station expansion and improvement project and various large pipeline projects. The General Obligation Bonds (also known as "GO" Bonds) were repaid from the special tax assessment levied by San Juan Water District every year.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



This summer, be sure to make the most of your landscape by attending our **free** drip irrigation workshop! This is a perfect opportunity for do-it-yourself landscapers to learn new tips and techniques for improving and maintaining your home irrigation systems.

Drip Irrigation Workshop

Saturday, August 13, from 9 a.m. to noon
SJWD, 9935 Auburn-Folsom Road, Granite Bay

For more information on this or other upcoming workshops, please call (916) 791-0115 or visit www.sjwd.org.

Save a spot on your calendar for the San Juan Water District annual blood drive!

Annual Blood Drive

Friday, August 26, from noon to 3 p.m.
SJWD, 9935 Auburn-Folsom Road, Granite Bay


If you would like to be a donor, please call (916) 791-0115 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

HELP BALANCE YOUR WATER BILL PAYMENTS — SIGN UP FOR AN EQUALIZED PAYMENT PLAN TODAY!

As federally-mandated metered water bills arrive in mailboxes, you may notice your bill will fluctuate seasonally as a result of your water consumption. The district offers an Equalized Payment Plan to help customers balance their water bills throughout the year.

The Equalized Payment Plan provides customers with a consistent, bi-monthly water bill. To determine the bi-monthly amount, the district will calculate a 12-month average of your bills based on consumption. In May or June (depending on whether you are billed during odd or even months), the district will reconcile your account balance, revisit your average, and adjust the amount due if needed.

If you would like to take advantage of this billing option, please call (916) 791-0115. You also may download the Equalized Payment Plan authorization form from our Web site at www.sjwd.org. Just click on "Customer Service" and then "Payment Options."

 Completed Equalized Payment Plan authorization forms may be mailed to P.O. Box 2157, Granite Bay, CA 95746.

NEW WATER SAVING REBATES CAN HELP SAVE YOUR POCKETBOOK!

New rebates are now available to San Juan Water District customers thanks to grant funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Here's how you can become more water efficient and save money:

- **Washing machine rebate:** Customers who purchase and install high-efficiency washing machines may be eligible for savings of \$75, \$100 or \$125 in rebates. Customers must agree to a free indoor water audit by certified San Juan Water District staff to qualify.
- **Hot water re-circulation system rebate:** Customers who purchase and install district-approved hot water re-circulating systems can receive a \$75 rebate. Customers must agree to a free indoor water audit by certified district staff for eligibility.
- **ET irrigation controller rebate:** Customers who purchase and install an evapo-transpiration (ET) irrigation controller can receive \$125 in rebates. Customers must agree to a free landscape irrigation review by certified district staff who will program your controller when they conduct the review.

Please call (916) 791-0115 for more information prior to purchasing any new equipment.

Receipts are required on all purchases. Rebate amounts shall not exceed purchase amounts. **Receipts must be dated between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006.** Due to a limited quantity available, rebates are on a first come-first serve basis and only one rebate per household per rebate program is allowed.



PLANNING A MOVE?

If you are planning to sell your home, please remember to notify SJWD prior to moving. With advance notification, a district staff member can obtain a final meter reading for your closing bill to ensure proper billing.

Moving? Please call (916) 791-0115 and let district staff know in advance!

SUMMER TIPS TO KEEP THE SIZZLE OUT OF YOUR WATER USE!

When it comes to watering in the summer season, many people overwater their landscape and actually do more harm than good. There are simple ways you can help minimize your water use and maximize your landscape's beauty.

- ✓ **When watering your lawn, make sure you are aware of your soil condition.** You don't want your lawn to be too wet or too dry between watering. To monitor the moisture of your lawn, simply apply pressure to a screwdriver at various locations. If it goes into the soil easily, then your lawn is still moist and does not need to be watered.
- ✓ **Another helpful landscaping tip is to apply mulch to plants and shrubs.** Taking this easy step cools the soil surface and reduces water evaporation while preventing weeds!
- ✓ **Request a water saving freebies kit.** SJWD customers are eligible to receive free, low-flow shower heads, toilet tumblers (to help elevate water levels in your toilet) and kitchen/bathroom faucet aerators to help save water.

For more information on these and other water saving services, call (916) 791-2663 or visit www.sjwd.org.



First place winner Christy Caye

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS EXCEL IN WATER EDUCATION!

Cavitt Junior High School's annual science fair was held in May and San Juan Water District again participated in the judging of student projects with a water education theme. The top winners received savings bonds, and their teachers acquired new classroom science equipment!

Many terrific entries were received and we are pleased to announce the following winners:

First Place: Christy Caye

Second Place: Brittany Nielsen and Liz Guyer

Third Place: Tiffany A. Murray

Congratulations to all the science fair participants and to this year's project winners!



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