

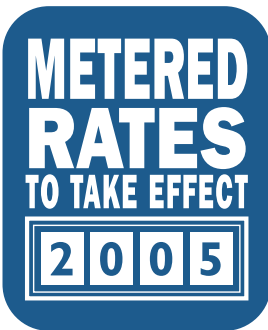


METERING 2005

Winter Switch to Federally Mandated Metered Rates May Save You Money

As you may know, metered rates will take effect in early 2005, with the first all-metered bills appearing in April and May.

Check out your most recent water bill. If your bill comparison shows that you may save money on a metered rate, take advantage now! Call 791-0115 to switch your account to a metered rate. Switching to a metered rate during winter months when water use is at its lowest may save you money.



Questions about meters?

Visit www.sjwd.org and click on "Customer Service" for a complete list of customers' frequently asked questions about water meters and metered rates.

Want to be more water efficient?

San Juan Water District offers a number of free programs and services to help customers become more water efficient. Services designed to increase water efficiency such as landscape irrigation reviews, leak detection and other programs help customers evaluate their water use. Visit www.sjwd.org or call 791-2663 for more information.

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING HAS ROOTS AT SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

Fourteen years ago, the San Juan Water District held its first acorn planting as part of the New Oaks Project. Today, the project is a district tradition designed to replenish water-efficient oak trees lost to development.



The New Oaks Project enables youth and community organizations to plant acorns and start the growth of future oaks. Once the trees are saplings, they are given free to the public to plant in their community. To date, more than 2,000 trees have been planted thanks to the project.

Organizations wishing to participate in the planting should call 791-2663 to reserve a spot. The planting will take place on **Saturday, December 4, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the district's offices at 9935 Auburn-Folsom Road.**



DROWNING YOUR LANDSCAPE?

Water with the Weather!

During winter months, rain and fog meet the moisture demands of most plants and landscaping, which means your landscaping needs little, if any, water. Turn off your irrigation system during the winter and only water when necessary.

An alternative to shutting off your irrigation system is purchasing a rain sensor, which automatically shuts off your irrigation system when it's raining, eliminating unnecessary watering. They are inexpensive (around \$10) and available at most home improvement stores.

Don't Forget About Indoor Water Use...

We offer a number of free incentives to help you practice water efficiency inside your home.

If your home was built before 1992, you may qualify for a **free indoor plumbing retrofit**, including water-saving devices such as low-flow shower heads, toilet tummies and kitchen and bathroom sink aerators.

You also may qualify for up to **\$125 in rebates** for replacing a two-gallon-per-flush (GPF) or greater toilet with a more efficient model. Plus, we'll even dispose of the old toilet!

Visit www.sjwd.org for more information about these programs.





Ben Thacker (top) and Forrest Posehn (bottom) are helping San Juan Water District map its water system.

DISTRICT AND STUDENTS COLLABORATE ON HIGH-TECH PROJECT

Granite Bay High School students Ben Thacker and Forrest Posehn will be helping the district this school year on a high-tech mapping project that will update and refine the district's automated water system maps.

When completed, the water system maps will be used for development planning, infrastructure maintenance and emergency operation of the district's water system. They also will include customer service applications such as metering information, water pressure and fire flow availability.

Both the district and students benefit from the collaboration. The district gets assistance with a technological upgrade that will result in higher quality maps, and Thacker and Posehn get to take part in an exciting work experience, as well as receive school credit.

CALL BEFORE YOU MOVE

If you're planning to move from our service area or change your mailing address, remember to first contact the district at 791-0115. Doing so will help us keep our accounts up-to-date and ensure that we continue to bill customers correctly.



COMING SOON: SAFER, MORE CONVENIENT DISTRICT ENTRANCE

The district is redesigning its entrance for the safety and convenience of its customers. With the Sacramento County portion of the Auburn-Folsom road widening project now complete, the district will soon open its new entrance located at the traffic light at the intersection of Auburn-Folsom Road and Pinebrook Drive. Watch for the opening of the new entrance in January.



NEW BILLING OPTION TO TAKE UPS AND DOWNS OUT OF WATER BILLS

Beginning in January, the district plans to offer an equalized payment plan option. Taking advantage of this payment plan will help you balance out your metered water bill, which can fluctuate seasonally depending on consumption. With this option, you will be billed the same amount on your bi-monthly water bills. The equalized billed amount will be set by calculating a 12-month average of your bi-monthly bills based on consumption. The district will revisit the equalized billed amount annually in May or June (depending on whether you are billed in odd or even months) and adjust the amount if necessary. Please call 791-0115 if you are interested in signing up for this program.



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