



SAN JUAN JOINS THE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

RWA After two years of planning workshops and dozens of committee and subcommittee meetings, a new regional water organization has begun operation as the Regional Water Authority (RWA). The RWA was formed to represent the unified interests of its members including over 20 water providers and half a dozen different regional water associations and organizations in the Sacramento region. The RWA will provide more cost effective water efficiency planning and other programs as well as share resources and expertise in meeting new federal, state and regional conservation goals including water metering. San Juan Water District was instrumental in initiating this collaborative effort.

USING WATER EFFICIENTLY SAVES ENERGY



The Sacramento Area Water Works Association — an organization of over 20 local water providers, including San Juan Water District — and the Sacramento Metropolitan Utility District have joined together to help save energy. High water usage during peak energy demand costs more money and puts additional strain on the energy grid.

Water use consumes a tremendous amount of electricity. Water must be obtained, purified and pumped to homes and businesses through the use of energy. After the water is used, it must then be pumped to wastewater plants for cleaning. Actually, pumping water is the single most significant use of electricity in the state.


To help reduce the amount of electricity needed during peak energy times, it is recommended that people water between 12 midnight and 10 a.m., avoiding peak water demand times of 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. By using water efficiently, we can conserve water and energy. For more water conservation tips, please visit www.sawwa.org and www.smud.org/conserve_energy/hometips_water.html.

RATE INCREASE PROPOSED

Customers will be experiencing a rate increase in September as part of the Customer Advisory Committee's recommendations for the district's financial plan. Metered residential customers will be experiencing a 58-cent increase in their base monthly water rate and a one-cent increase for every unit in their tiered rate.

As a community services district, 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 increase for our flat rate customers will be based on a new rate structure that is being considered by our board of directors and will include standardizing rates to make them more equitable for all flat rate customers. Our flat rate customers will receive a letter prior to September regarding how the proposed water rate increase will affect them. Watch for information in your mailbox. Questions? Please call 791-0115.

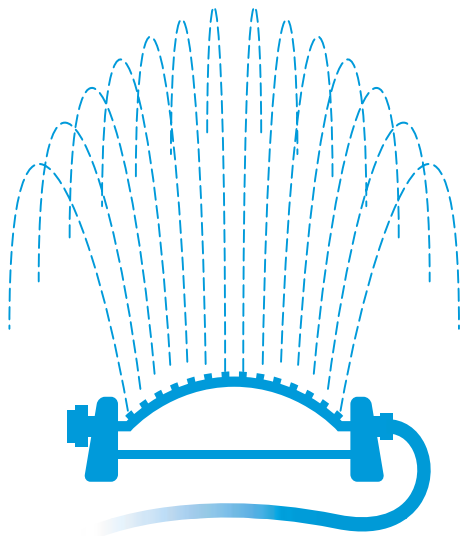


One penny increase for every 748 gallons

DID YOU KNOW?
A unit of water is 748 gallons. Costs for metered customers will increase to 22 cents per unit for the first 10 units. Just think: What would 748 gallons of bottled water cost?

METERED RATES TO TAKE EFFECT

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USING WATER EFFICIENTLY IN EVERY WAY!

- **Are you irrigating efficiently?** We can answer your irrigation questions through our free landscape irrigation reviews. Upon request, a certified district representative will visit your home to review your current irrigation system, provide tips and design an irrigation schedule based on your property's specifications. To schedule a review, please call 791-2663.
- **Can you help conserve 5-10 percent this summer?** Due to a cutback in US Bureau of Reclamation water supplies, San Juan Water District is currently in a Stage 2 Water Alert. We are asking all customers to voluntarily reduce water consumption by 5-10 percent for the duration of the alert. Residents are encouraged to use water for beneficial purposes only and avoid all unnecessary and wasteful uses of water. Please visit our Web site at www.sjwd.org (water conservation page) for helpful tips on how to conserve water.
- **Is it time to re-landscape your yard?** If so, let us help! Upon request, a landscape expert, who is also a master gardener, will visit your home to provide you with a complimentary consultation about your overall landscaping needs and offer water efficient landscaping tips. This is a free, no obligation service, so please take us up on the opportunity. Questions? Please call 791-2663.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Drip Irrigation Workshop — July 14

Join us on Saturday, July 14 at 9 a.m. at the district office for a free drip irrigation workshop.

Annual Blood Drive — August 29

We will be sponsoring our annual blood drive on Wednesday, August 29 from 12-4 p.m. If you would like to be a donor, please call 791-0115 for more information or to schedule your appointment.

Your Water Makes the Grade!

Every year, we are required to complete a water quality report to inform our customers about the quality of their water. We are happy to report that your water is excellent and meets and beats state and federal standards. You should have received your copy of this report in the mail last month.

Shade Trees Save Energy Program

To continue saving energy, SMUD reminds its customers about its shade tree program. For information, call SMUD at 1-888-742-SMUD or visit www.smud.org/sacshade.

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

We recently judged student projects that featured a water education theme at the annual Cavitt Junior High School Science Fair. The top winners each received savings bonds and their teachers received a \$100 check for their classrooms. There were many terrific entries and we congratulate everyone who entered, including the following:

First Place: Brittany Shugart
(\$100 savings bond)

Which Water Would You Drink?
Teacher: Ron Pozzi

Second Place: Alexander DiPirro-Beard (\$75 savings bond)

Aquaponics: Combining Plant and Fish Growth / Teacher: Bill Davis

Third Place: Rachael Ann Hayden
(\$50 savings bond)

The Effects of Land Use on the Acidity of Creeks / Teacher: Ron Pozzi

Honorable Mention:
Ashley Maryatt / Teacher: Ron Pozzi
Sarah Rountree / Teacher: Bill Davis