

Planning for the Future to Ensure a Reliable Water Supply

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SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT CONTINUALLY MAINTAINS our existing water treatment and distribution facilities, but many of them are now reaching the end of their useful lives. These aging facilities must be rehabilitated or upgraded to continue to provide reliable water supplies for you and your family. Facility upgrades are also necessary to meet increasing state and federal regulations.

In 2005, an independent engineering firm was hired by the district to evaluate the condition of its facilities and prepare a water supply master plan. As a result, the district is moving forward with improvement projects to be constructed over the next 10 years. The cost to upgrade and replace key facilities is estimated to be \$24 million. These projects are important improvements that will enhance the reliability of your water supply for decades to come.

Projects scheduled to be completed in the upcoming year that will sustain water quality and reliability include the Auburn-Folsom Road transmission main, hydraulic improvement piping and the replacement of aged steel water mains. Because all improvements ultimately affect you through rates, we want to assure you that the District carefully considers alternatives to construction projects

in an effort to avoid rate increases. For example, the District is currently performing a series of water system efficiency tests to make sure the existing system operates at its very best. A water pressure adjustment, installing a larger pipe for short distances, water conservation measures, and seasonal modes of operation can often defer construction and mean substantial savings to our customers.

To fund the projects needed to meet the district's existing needs, SJWD is evaluating a rate increase for 2008. The proposed rate change would result in an increase of \$6.61 per month for our average residential water user (who uses an average of 45 units or 33,000 gallons of water per month). For more information, visit www.sjwd.org or call (916) 791-0115.

The Board will conduct a public hearing and consider action on the proposed rate increase for 2008 on August 8 at 7 p.m. at the District office, 9935 Auburn-Folsom Road.

San Juan Water District takes rate increases seriously and works hard to limit them.

Facilities to meet new growth will be paid for by new development, not by existing customers.

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

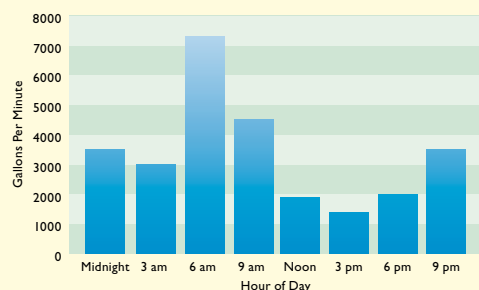
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THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (Reclamation) is required to manage Folsom Lake to balance residential, environmental, agricultural and recreational water-use needs throughout the Sacramento region. Part of the environmental management is supplying cold water for spawning salmon and steelhead trout in the river. To preserve their habitat and ensure suitable spawning temperatures, the water must remain consistently cool. Because the cooler water is at the lower level of the reservoir, that cooler water is released into the river. The water now being provided by Reclamation to the district is drawn from the warmer water in the lake. As a result, you may be noticing a slight increase in the temperature of your tap water.

Reclamation has advised SJWD to anticipate unusually warm water until fall. Rest assured that you are still receiving high-quality water that meets all state and federal water quality standards.

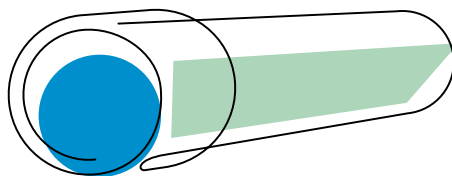
This year's snow pack was very low, which means less water from snowmelt. Although we do not anticipate any change in water supplies, it is a dry year. As always, please make sure to use water efficiently.

How Can You Help Balance Peak Demands?



PEAK DEMAND OCCURS WHEN MANY people are using water at the same time (for example, in the morning when people are getting ready for work or school and again at the end of the day when they get home). Balancing water use throughout the day can save energy, increase pump station reliability and increase firefighting capabilities. You can help in the following ways:

- Do not water outdoors when you are using water indoors.
- Reset irrigation timers to come on any time of day except during mid-afternoon when water is lost to evaporation and wind.
- Continue to use water efficiently.



Auburn-Folsom Road Water Main Installation

SJWD PLANS TO INSTALL A 24-INCH water transmission pipeline during Placer County's Auburn-Folsom Road widening project. Completing the pipeline installation in conjunction with the road widening project will reduce costs and limit the number of traffic impacts. The new transmission line will significantly enhance the district's overall system reliability, water delivery and fire fighting capabilities. Placer County expects the road widening to begin in mid- to late July.

Groundwater Study Approved

SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT (SJWD) recently approved a proposal to conduct a groundwater study within its retail service area. The study will help the district determine the extent of underground water available that could be used for dry-year water supplies and emergencies.

Geologist Ryan Alward of the consulting firm GEI Consultants, Bookman-Edmonston Division, will lead the study, which is expected to take approximately six to 12 months. Alward, a graduate student in geology at CSU Chico, is donating his time to work on the project as part of his master's thesis project. Richard Shatz, a senior hydrogeologist for the consulting firm, will provide guidance and project oversight.

"We saw this as an excellent opportunity to explore options for providing our retail customers with a higher level of reliability in their water supply at a low cost," said district manager Shauna Lorance. "We saw a unique opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge of the underground conditions in our retail service area and the potential for development of groundwater supplies at a greatly reduced cost."

Mark Your Calendar!

ATTEND A FREE drip irrigation workshop to learn how to improve your existing system or install a new one.

When: Saturday, August 11, 9 a.m. to noon

Where: SJWD, 9935 Auburn-Folsom Road, Granite Bay



Blood Drive

JOIN SJWD ON AUGUST 21 FROM 1 TO 5 p.m. as we partner with BloodSource for our annual blood drive. BloodSource's "blood mobile" is coordinating the event and will be parked in our overflow parking lot at 9935 Auburn-Folsom Road, Granite Bay.



To give blood, you must:

- Be in generally good health, free from cold or flu symptoms for at least 48 hours before giving blood.
- Be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent). There is no upper age limit.
- Weigh at least 110 pounds.
- Bring photo identification or BloodSource donor card.

Keeping Your Service Box Root Free



This tree was planted too close to the service box. As the tree matured, its roots damaged the service box, causing a leak.

SJWD REMINDS CUSTOMERS TO KEEP their service boxes clear from landscaping. Even though the damage may not be visible on the surface, roots under ground often intrude and break water lines and service boxes, causing severe damage and inconvenient water outages for the customer whose service line was broken. To avoid these inconveniences and keep service boxes easily accessible, SJWD asks customers to plant trees and large shrubs at least 10 feet from all service boxes and service lines.

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