

FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

FOOTHILL FLOWS



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GM'S Corner



In March 2011, residents of the area were impacted by a 10-day shutdown of the F.E. Weymouth Treatment Plant in La Verne. Customers were asked to conserve during that period so that water supplies could be stretched to meet necessary demands. I want to thank customers for their overwhelming response to the call for conservation. We came away from the shutdown without any negative impacts.

The District continues to work towards containing expenses as much as feasible while maintaining our mission statement. In June, the District's Board adopted its budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. For most agencies, the charges the District assesses for its Programs stayed the same although Metropolitan's 7.5% rate increase was passed through. This coming year, the Board will make decisions on how large capital projects such as recycled water and emergency electrical generators should be paid for.

In June, the Board also adopted the District's Regional Urban Water Management Plan. This Plan provides background on the District, current supplies and demands, projects future supplies and demands, and provides other information regarding conservation and recycled water. The Plan can be found on the District's website at www.fmwd.com under

Resources.

Finally, the District continues its facilities planning study for recycled water development within the service area. The options have been narrowed down to one plant in La Canada. Based on the results of the study, the Board will decide in the next six months whether it wants to move forward with engineering of the plant.

Nina Jazmadarian

LCHS Wins Hottest Looking Boat

La Canada High School won the Hottest Looking Boat title in the 2011 Solar Cup. The Solar Cup program combines hands-on engineering lessons with environmental awareness, teaching students practical application of mechanical and electrical engineering with tutorials in renewable resources and water-conservation.

Twenty La Canada High School students competed with nearly 700 other students from 42 high schools in six Southern California counties as part of Metropolitan Water District's ninth annual Solar Cup program. The three-day event was held in May at Metropolitan's Lake Skinner reservoir in the Temecula Valley in southwestern Riverside County.

La Canada High School was sponsored by FMWD and La Canada Irrigation District in the competition. The education program which lasts seven months is the nation's largest solar-powered boat competition.

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Water Use Efficiency Goal SAVING 20% by 2020

In 2009, the California Legislature set a goal for water customers to reduce their per capita water use 20% by 2020, using the average of several years as a base for the reduction. In response, water agencies across the state are already implementing the program and FMWD is no exception. The FMWD Board adopted the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan for the District, a governing document that recognizes the 20% by 2020 goal and sets in motion measures to comply with the state mandate.

How can the FMWD agency's customers meet the goal? A good start is to continue the efficient water use practices adopted during the recent water shortage. Another method includes purchasing water-efficient appliances, such as washing machines, shower heads, toilets and dishwashers. Meeting the 20% by 2020 goal will require every resident to re-think how water is used in and around the home.

(FMWD's 2010 Urban Water Management Plan is available online at www.FMWD.com.)



Rebates Continue for FMWD Member Agencies and Their Customers

FMWD is proud to be able to continue providing rebates for high efficiency toilets, turf removal and rain barrels as part of an effort to be more independent of imported water supplies.

The following rebates are being offered to customers within the service area.

Residential High Efficiency Toilets – customers that replace older high water use toilets with high-efficiency toilets can receive a \$50 rebate. Only WaterSense-qualified high-efficiency toilets with a capacity of 1.28 gallons per flush or less qualify for rebates.

Turf Removal Program – Foothill area residents can receive up to \$800 in rebates for removing their thirsty lawns and replacing with California Friendly plants, mulch, or pervious hardscape.

Rain Barrels – customers can

receive a rebate of 50% of the cost of their rain barrel up to a maximum rebate of \$100 per barrel for up to 8 barrels per residence by capturing stormwater and using it to irrigate landscape.

In addition to the above rebates, residential customers can receive the following rebates through Metropolitan Water District of Southern California:

High Efficiency Clothes Washers – a rebate of up to \$85 for one washer is being offered. Washers must have a water factor of 4.0 or less.

Weather-based Irrigation Controller – a rebate of \$80 for less than 1 acre and \$25 per station for more than 1 acre of irrigation is being offered.

Rotating Sprinkler Nozzles – Pop-up spray head nozzles can be replaced with these low-precipitation rate nozzles to help reduce run-off and irrigate

more efficiently. The rebate for nozzles is \$3 per nozzle with a minimum of 25 per application.

Please visit the FMWD website at <http://fmwd.com/Conservation.aspx> for information regarding deadlines and how to apply for rebates or call your local water agency. All rebates are based on available funding.

Foothill area commercial and industrial customers can receive rebates on water conservation devices as well. As a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Foothill's customers are eligible for the Save A Buck program. For more information, go to <http://www.mwdsaveabuck.com/>.

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FWGCC

The Foothill Water Conservation Corps is made up of volunteers from the community who selflessly give of their time and talents to promote conservation to the Foothill service area.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Corps may go to www.fmwd.com for an application or call the District Office at (818) 790-4036.

Garden Contest



Foothill Municipal Water District sponsored a California Friendly Garden Contest which began in the fall of 2010 and culminated with awards in April 2011. Twenty-one entries were received from around our service area that included La Crescenta, La Canada and Altadena.

Three top prizes were given along with two honorable mentions. Judges considered the overall attractiveness, appropriate plant selection, design, appropriate maintenance and efficient methods of irrigation when evaluating the gardens.

Judging took place on April 30, 2011 and the winners are:

1st Place: 4910 Burgoyne Lane, La Canada.
(pictured left)

2nd Place: 2487 Highland Ave., Altadena.

3rd Place: 4622 Marellen, La Crescenta.

Honorable Mentions

411 Meadowview Dr., La Canada and;

843 Lynnhaven Lane, La Canada.

FMWD has budgeted funds for a second annual Garden Contest so be on the lookout for contest information coming to you this fall. (Winners of past contests are not eligible to participate.)

Foothills Community Business Expo

Foothill Municipal Water District will be participating in the eleventh annual Foothills Community Business Expo on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at Verdugo Hills Hospital. This event will feature exhibits of regional businesses and community organizations.

This special regional event also features free admission, entertainment, refreshments and opportunity drawings.

Please join us: 5—7:30 PM

FMWD'S FINAL UWMP (Urban Water Management Plan) is now available at www.fmwd.com.

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Foothill Municipal Water District provides imported water to Crescenta Valley Water District, La Cañada Irrigation District, Mesa Crest Water Company, Valley Water Company, Lincoln Avenue Water Company, Las Flores Water Company and Rubio Cañon Land & Water Association. Kinneloa Irrigation District, another retail agency, takes no water from Foothill.

Website address:
www.fmwd.com

Foothill Municipal Water District will reliably deliver quality water to its member agencies in a cost-efficient manner to meet their projected demands.

WHO WE ARE

Following a vote of citizens in the area, the Foothill Municipal Water District was incorporated on January 7, 1952 to help meet the increasing water demands of the foothill communities. Local well water was limited and a supplemental water source was needed. A group of concerned community leaders worked with the District to secure membership in the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. On January 15, 1953, after receiving overwhelming voter approval, the District officially joined MWD, thus making water from the Colorado River and eventually from the California State Water Project available to the foothills. The District is one of Metropolitan's 26 member agencies and provides more than 60 percent of the water used in the service area. The remaining 40 percent is well water pumped from local aquifers.

SERVICE AREA

This District covers 21.66 square miles and has a population of about 88,000 people in the cities and communities shown on the reverse side.

WHAT WE DO

The District takes delivery of treated water from MWD near Pasadena's Rose Bowl. The water is then pumped up to the San Gabriel Mountain foothills and delivered to our member agencies for ultimate delivery to homes and businesses.

GOVERNANCE

District policies are set by a five-person board of directors elected by residents in the five divisions that comprise the District. As of November 1, 2010, the current Board of Directors includes:

Robert J. Gomperz, Division 1
Melvin Matthews, Division 2
LaDrena Dansby, Division 3
Richard W. Atwater, Division 4
Dean V. Wiberg, Division 5

James T. Edwards
MWD Representative