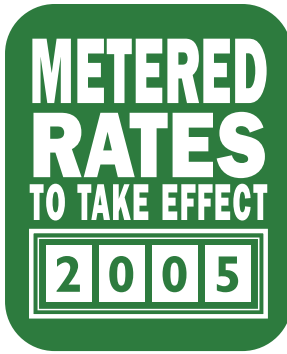




## METERING 2005

### The New Year Brings Federally- Mandated Metered Rates!

After years of preparation, SJWD is implementing federally-mandated metered rates. All flat-rate customers are now on metered rates, with the first metered billing arriving in the April/May water bills (for water used during the previous two months). Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the switch to metered rates are answered on our Website at [www.sjwd.org](http://www.sjwd.org) by clicking on the "Billing FAQs" link at the left of the screen. Questions can also be answered by calling 791-0115.



### Sign Up For an Equalized Payment Plan

Water bills can fluctuate seasonally depending on consumption. The district now offers an equalized payment plan option that allows customers to balance their bills throughout the year and can help with the transition to metered rates. With this option, your bi-monthly water bills will be the same amount; set by calculating a 12-month average of your bills based on consumption. The district will revisit your average in May or June (depending on whether you are billed during odd or even months) and adjust the amount if needed. Please call 791-0115 if you are interested in signing up for the program or download the Equalized Payment Plan authorization form from our website at [www.sjwd.org](http://www.sjwd.org). Just click on "Customer Service" and then "Payment Options".



### GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR IRRIGATION UPGRADES

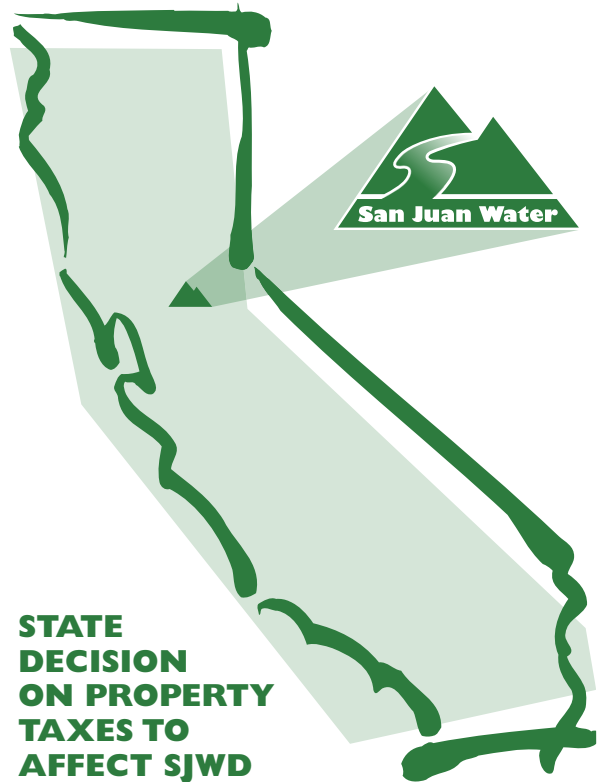
If you irrigate an area one acre or greater, you may be eligible for assistance to upgrade your current irrigation system through grant funding made available from the Department of Water Resources. A limited amount of funds are available and grants are limited to \$5,000 per site.

- If your application is approved, SJWD staff will complete a **free landscape irrigation review**

and determine a 12-month water budget for your acreage based on ETo (the amount of water needed in a year of average weather).

- Approved applicants will be eligible for **rebates** on qualifying irrigation equipment purchased and installed to meet the proposed water budget. (Half of the rebate is paid after successful installation of equipment and the remaining half will be paid if the water budget is met after a 12-month evaluation period).
- In addition to rebates on equipment, customers may be eligible for **matching rebates** from SJWD for installation costs (up to the equivalent of the rebate for irrigation equipment).

Interested parties must submit a letter of interest, including name, property address, telephone number and intended irrigation system improvements, to the district office by **February 28, 2005**, to be considered for this program. For more information call 791-6932 or e-mail [savewater@sjwd.org](mailto:savewater@sjwd.org).



### STATE DECISION ON PROPERTY TAXES TO AFFECT SJWD

The state budget agreed to by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the California Legislature this past July resulted in a two-year shift of property tax revenues from local agencies, including SJWD, to help offset the state budget deficit. Local agencies are seeing \$2.6 billion in revenues shifted to the state.

SJWD expects to lose about \$2 million over the next two years due to this state budget action. The district is currently evaluating options to address the fiscal shortfall in both the existing and next year's budget. The District will update customers in a future Water Gram.

## BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

In the November elections, existing Board Member Ken Miller was re-elected to the Board. Dave Peterson ran unopposed, and is now elected for a two year term.

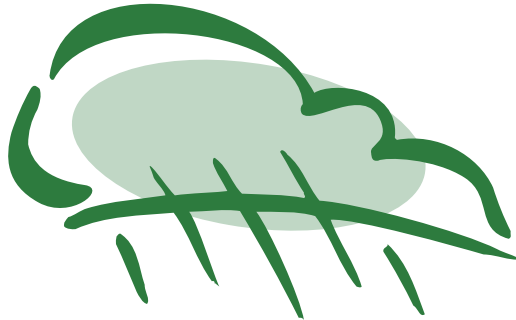


Pamela Tobin

Pamela Tobin was elected to her first term on the San Juan Water District Board of Directors and began her term on December 3. Tobin brings to SJWD a diverse professional background in public, private and non-profit areas.

Board of directors meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

To see board agendas and minutes from the latest SJWD board meeting, please visit our Web site at [www.sjwd.org](http://www.sjwd.org).



## THIS WINTER, USE NATURE'S SPRINKLERS...

Please remember that during the winter months, you do not need to water your landscape as frequently. If you haven't already, consider resetting or turning off your sprinkler timers. There is usually plenty of rain and moisture in the air to meet the needs of your landscape during winter months, and over watering could damage your plants and lawn.

If you have any questions about how to adjust your sprinkler system or how much water your landscape needs, please contact water efficiency staff at 791-2663.

## ...AND BUNDLE UP YOUR PIPES

Do you find yourself standing in front of your sink waiting for hot water? Just wrapping your hot water pipes with an insulating material could help shorten the wait. This simple process helps reduce water waste, protects your pipes from freezing during cold nights and delivers hot water faster.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Third Pond Workshop Scheduled for February

Are you a pond owner who missed the workshops held last June and August? We have another opportunity for you to receive helpful tips about increasing the water efficiency of your pond and to learn how you may be eligible for up to \$1,300 in rebates!

The workshop will be held Saturday, February 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the district office's (9935 Auburn-Folsom Road, Granite Bay). The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Please RSVP: (916) 791-2663

#### Itinerary

**9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** - Larger, natural or earthen ponds

**1 p.m. to 2 p.m.** - Lunch and a demonstration of pond-compatible plants

**2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** - Smaller, ornamental ponds

The pond workshop is open to the public. Participants have the option of attending the morning session, afternoon session or both.



## WITH THE NEW YEAR, IS IT TIME FOR A NEW TOILET?

You could receive up to \$125 in rebates by trading in your current toilet for a new, low-flush model! Visit [www.sjwd.org](http://www.sjwd.org) under the "Programs & Resources" for more information or call 791-2663!

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

San Juan Water District is committed to providing excellent customer service. If you have questions related to your water bill or any other matter concerning the district, please call (916) 791-0115 or e-mail [jgagnier@sjwd.org](mailto:jgagnier@sjwd.org).

We also encourage you to fill out a customer survey at [www.sjwd.org](http://www.sjwd.org) by clicking on the "Customer Survey" link at the left of the page.



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