

## SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

In the more than 50 years since its current facilities were developed, San Juan Water District has undergone many changes including:

- the number of customers the district serves.
- the amount of water supplied.
- increased federal and state water treatment regulations with which the district must comply.

Despite these changes, our top customer priority remains the same today as it was then — to provide you with a high-quality and reliable water supply. While our facilities have provided excellent service in order to maintain our commitment to our customers, the district must upgrade some older water facilities that are reaching the end of their useful life.

In addition, service requirements by state and federal regulatory agencies mandate that pumping facilities and additional water facilities have back-up supplies of power. This ensures the water system is operational and safety requirements such as fire-fighting capabilities are met.

Over the coming months, we will be sure to keep our customers apprised of the upgrades under consideration.

### GET THE BIG PICTURE ABOUT CALIFORNIA'S WATER

Be sure to tune in to the public television series *California's Water*, which explores our state's unique and complex water resources and systems. Each segment of the series, hosted and produced by Huell Howser, host of *California Gold* series, investigates different aspects of California's water system, from water recycling and water storage to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Colorado River. For more information about upcoming programming dates, visit [www.acwa.com/television/index.asp](http://www.acwa.com/television/index.asp).



### EVEN OUT YOUR WATER BILL PAYMENTS

With metered rates, water bills may fluctuate throughout the year. By signing up for an **equalized payment plan**, an average two-month water bill will be determined based on a 12-month calculation of your average water consumption. This will enable you to pay the same amount throughout the year.

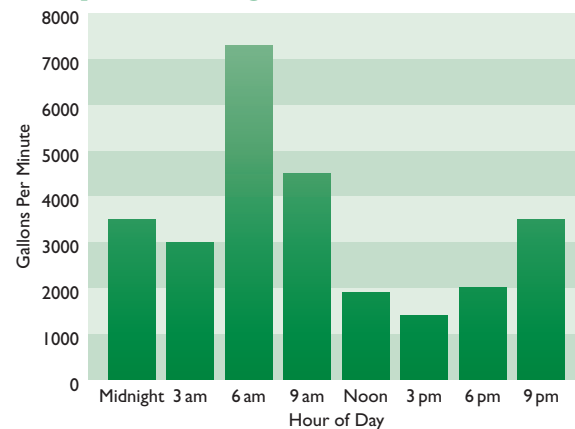
Visit our website at [www.sjwd.org](http://www.sjwd.org) and click on Customer Service/Payment options to download the authorization form or call (916) 791-0115 for more information.

## WHEN SHOULD YOU WATER?

For years, we have encouraged you to water your landscapes during the early morning hours and guess what? You listened!

When everyone uses water at the same time during the day, it puts a huge strain on the water system and pumping facilities and can reduce water pressure in your home. This is what water use in our district looks like on a typical summer day:

### Daily Watering Trends



### How can you help balance peak demand?

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

Balancing water use throughout the day can save energy, increase pump station reliability and increase firefighting capabilities. Thank you for helping us help you!

## SUMMER LANDSCAPING AND WATERING TIPS!

- ☑ **Don't over-water your lawn!** Before watering, **check your soil condition** to see if it needs moisture. To monitor its moisture, simply insert a screwdriver into your lawn at various locations. If it goes into the soil easily, then your lawn is still moist and does not need to be watered.
- ☑ **Apply mulch** to plants and shrubs. Taking this easy step cools the soil surface and reduces water evaporation while preventing weeds!
- ☑ **Request a free water audit.** All customers can receive a **FREE** landscape irrigation review, irrigation troubleshooting and consultation with an irrigation expert. Additionally, if you own a home built before 1992, you are eligible to receive **FREE** water saving devices.

For more information, contact district staff at (916) 791-2663.

## REBATES CAN HELP YOU SAVE MONEY (AND WATER)!

The following rebate is now available to district customers thanks to grant funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Rebates are limited and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. To qualify, customers must agree to a free indoor water audit or a free landscape irrigation review by certified SJWD staff **before** any improvements are made.

**Irrigation improvement reimbursement:** Customers can upgrade their existing home irrigation systems and receive 50 percent off total material costs (for a maximum of \$500) if they meet the established criteria. Labor costs are not reimbursable.

Improvements that might qualify include:

- upgrading irrigation controllers to an ET controller or adding a rain sensor
- upgrading spray irrigation systems to drip irrigation
- replacing leaky pipes
- any other general system modification that makes an irrigation system more efficient

The following steps should be followed to receive a rebate:

- 1 Receive a free landscape irrigation review from the district.
- 2 Submit a landscape design plan to the district for approval.
- 3 Make upgrades after the plan is approved.
- 4 SJWD will perform an outdoor water audit to ensure upgrades were carried out properly.
- 5 Submit receipts for materials.

For more information regarding rebates for hot water re-circulation systems, washing machines, increasing outdoor pond efficiency and other programs, call (916) 791-2663 or visit [www.sjwd.org](http://www.sjwd.org) and click on "Programs & Resources."

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

A **free drip irrigation workshop** will provide you with the information you need to get your drip irrigation system up and running!

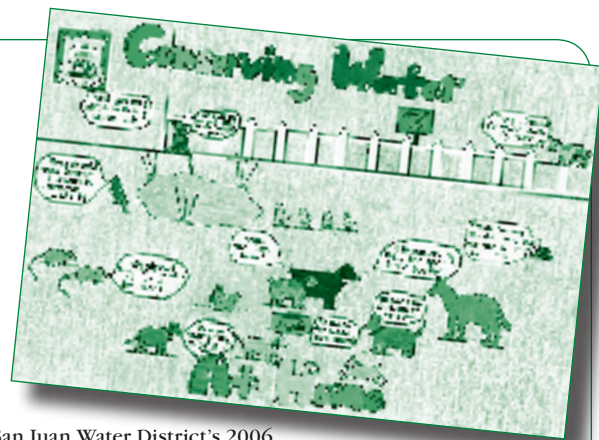
**When:** Saturday, August 19, 9 a.m. to noon

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

Stay informed and provide your comments about the latest upcoming San Juan Water District programs and projects by attending a **board meeting**.

**When:** 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month

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



San Juan Water District's 2006 winning poster created by Sydney Lorek.

## SAN JUAN SALUTES WATER-SAVVY STUDENTS

This year's annual **Water Awareness Poster Contest** asked students to visually express their thoughts about the importance of water efficiency. The contest is a joint effort of the San Juan, Fair Oaks and Citrus Heights water districts and the Orange Vale Water Company.

Each agency selected three winners whose posters are now featured as a different month in a calendar specifically designed for the contest. Together, the four agencies selected a grand prize winner whose poster is featured as the calendar's cover and as the artwork for May, which is Water Awareness Month.

This year's top winners for San Juan Water District are:

**First Place:** Sydney Lorek, Mrs. Wick's sixth grade class, Eureka Elementary School

**Second Place:** Emily Beth Santor, Mr. Peterson's sixth grade class, Eureka Elementary School

**Third Place (and Grand Prize winner):** Melissa Morse, Mrs. Carruth's fifth grade class, Ridgeview Elementary School

For the past decade, SJWD has also judged **student science fair projects** with a water education theme at Cavitt Junior High School. This year's winners, all eighth graders, are:

**First Place:** Jordan Santos for "Is the Water Clean in Miner's Ravine?"

**Second Place:** Cameron Nagler for "Water Quality in the Streams"

**Third Place:** Jacquie Jordan for "Water Wary"

As always, many excellent and creative posters and science projects were submitted and it was difficult to select just three winners for each contest. Congratulations to all of the award recipients and a big thank you to everyone who submitted a poster or project!

### VISIBLE ADDRESSES MAKE IT EASY

Remember to keep your address clearly visible on the curb and on your home. Doing so helps district staff easily find your home when providing free services such as meter reading assistance and landscape water audits.



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