



## APPROVED RATE INCREASE TO UPGRADE FACILITIES, INCREASE WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY

A recently completed independent engineering evaluation of San Juan Water District's water distribution system indicated it is necessary to rehabilitate or improve facilities that are approaching the end of their useful lives.

At a public hearing on October 11, the district's board of directors approved a rate increase to help fund needed replacements and rehabilitation. The increase went into effect on January 1. For the district's typical residential customer who uses an average of 45 units or 33,000 gallons per month per household, this means an average increase of \$6.50 per month. The actual amount per bill will fluctuate depending on water use. Customers will experience this increase in their February or March bills, depending on their billing month.

**Water facilities necessary to meet the needs of growth are paid for by new development, not existing customers.**

The district takes rate increases seriously and works hard to limit them. The 2007 rate increase was approved only after careful consideration and analysis of various factors, such as the need for upgrading and replacing aging facilities to continue providing our customers with reliable service and high-quality water.

Questions about how you will be impacted by this rate increase? Contact us at [jgagnier@sjwd.org](mailto:jgagnier@sjwd.org) or 791-0115.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Customer property tax bills are now approximately **\$50 lower per year** (amount based on an assessment value of \$500,000) since the district's general obligation bond debt was paid off.
- SJWD and other water providers face increasingly stringent state and federal regulations that require costly improvements to facilities.
- As a non-profit public agency, the district cannot charge customers more than the cost of providing service.
- SJWD provides a number of FREE water-saving programs and resources that will help reduce your water use. Visit [www.sjwd.org](http://www.sjwd.org) for more information.



Sierra College Blvd. Water Transmission Main Project

### NEW PROJECTS

Here's a brief look at some of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects to be paid for with funds from the approved rate increase:

**Bacon Pump Station Electrical Improvements (December 2006)** This electrical upgrade will optimize the pumping rate and reliability of this pump station, which serves the largest pressure zone in the water system.

**Miner's Ravine Mainline Replacement (Spring 2007)** An important water main that is subject to damage will be relocated above the flood line on the new bridge near Barton Road.

**Auburn-Folsom Road Water Main (Summer 2007)** In cooperation with Placer County, a large water main will be installed under Auburn-Folsom Road during the road widening project. This mainline will significantly improve water delivery and fire fighting capability.

**Joint Water Storage Facility (Summer 2008)** Roseville and SJWD will cooperatively build two tanks, one for each water provider, thus decreasing construction costs and significantly increasing water supply reliability.

**Sierra College Boulevard Mainline (Summer 2007 – Summer 2008)** A large water main is being constructed to connect the Joint Water Storage facility to the main water system.

**Pump upgrades at Sierra Pump Station (Summer 2008)** New pumps will be constructed to utilize the new water storage tank in cooperation with the City of Roseville.

### WINTER WATER TIPS

As the winter months continue, keep in mind a few helpful tips for using water efficiently and protecting your water system:

- ✓ **Turn off your irrigation system** during the rainy and foggy season.
- ✓ **Bundle up your pipes** with insulating material.
- ✓ **Keep the gutter clear** of leaves and debris.
- ✓ **Earn money for installing water-saving devices.** Visit [www.sjwd.org](http://www.sjwd.org) for more information on rebates you should know about!

## SAN JUAN BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

### Peterson, Costa to Serve Additional Terms

The November 7 local elections brought a new face — and returned two familiar ones — to the SJWD board of directors. Directors Ted Costa, who has served on the board since December 1994, and Dave Peterson, a board member since February 2004, were both re-elected and will continue to serve on the board for the next four years. They join existing board members Pamela Tobin and Ken Miller and newly elected Bob Walters. Costa, Peterson and Walters all ran unopposed.

### Walters Newly Elected

Bob Walters is serving his first term with the district in the seat vacated by Dorothy Kilgore. An attorney for Sacramento-based California Advocates, Walters is a long-time member of the community who has served on a number of local boards in past years, including the San Juan Unified School District, Fair Oaks Community Planning Advisory Council, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission for Sacramento County, among others.

Walters says he has always been interested in local government and that he is dedicated to serving the community. "I believe a great deal in public service, and the best way to provide public service is to do it right in your back yard," he said.

In terms of his being elected to the San Juan Water District board, Walters notes he looks forward to representing the district's customers. "The overriding job of the San Juan Water District is to serve its customers, the people who really are the district," he said.

Walters lives in Fair Oaks and has four adult children.

## FREE DRIP IRRIGATION WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 24

Need to know more about installing and maintaining a drip irrigation system in your landscape?

Join us for a **free drip irrigation workshop on Saturday, February 24 from 9 a.m. to noon!**

The workshop will take place at the district, located at 9935 Auburn Folsom Road in Granite Bay. Call 791-2663 for more information!



## DOROTHY KILGORE STEPS DOWN FROM BOARD AFTER 16 YEARS

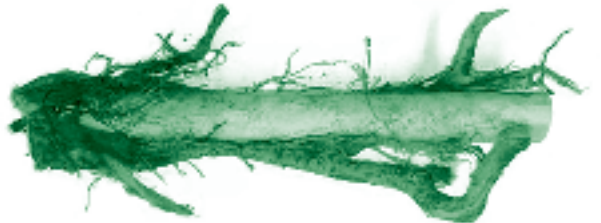


SJWD is sad to announce that Dorothy Kilgore has stepped down from her SJWD board position after 16 years. Dorothy has provided a number of contributions to the district throughout the years, most notably the creation of the district's Water Efficient Landscape (WEL) Garden in 1992 on the heels of a six-year drought. She also served on the district's public information committee for several years.

"The WEL Garden is one project that I'm really proud of," said Dorothy. "I'm also proud of the level of public information the district provides. When I ran for the board 16 years ago, I ran because I wanted to represent the customer, and it's important that we keep the customers informed about key programs and issues."

"Dorothy has been a valued and integral part of our board of directors for nearly two decades," said Shauna Lorance, SJWD general manager. "Thanks to the many things Dorothy has done for the district, we'll have a lot of reminders of her important contributions."

Dorothy won't disappear from district life altogether, though. She plans to continue to be involved in the WEL Garden committee as a community member. She will also focus some of her time on building a new library in Orangevale, where she has lived for 42 years.



## GETTING TO THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM

SJWD continually reminds its customers to keep their service boxes clear for a number of reasons, the **most important** of which is that root intrusion from trees and shrubs break the water line and service box and cause dramatic damage and inconvenient water outages.

Simply because the roots and pipes are out of sight does not mean they should be out of mind. As a perfect example of that, take a look at the photo above. As you can see, the tree root has actually overcome the service line. In this case, the root ruptured the water line and it had to be replaced.

To prevent this from happening at your home, be sure to keep your service box clear of landscaping! We recommend that trees not be planted within 10 feet of service boxes and service lines.



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