



## Two Significant Improvement Projects to Start Soon!

### Miner's Ravine Pipeline Replacement

**I**N CONJUNCTION with the bridge replacement project on Barton Road, San Juan Water District will replace and relocate the water main in Miner's Ravine above flood level along the side of the new bridge. Raising the water main onto the bridge will greatly reduce the risk of damage from flooding or severe storms. The water main serves customers in the northwest portion of our service area.

### Auburn-Folsom Road Widening and Water Transmission Line

**S**JWD IS WORKING in cooperation with Placer County to install a 24-inch water transmission pipeline along Auburn-Folsom Road during the road widening. Coordinating these two projects will reduce costs and limit the number of traffic impacts compared with two individual projects. Installing this transmission pipeline will be a major improvement to the district's overall system reliability and will significantly improve water delivery and fire fighting capability. Clearing of brush and trees has already begun in preparation for the roadway construction, and installation of the water transmission pipeline is currently planned to start this summer.

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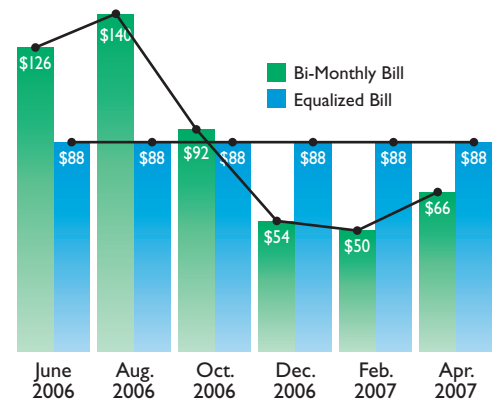
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## Balance Seasonal Water Bills

**E**NJOY CONSISTENT WATER BILLS throughout the year by taking advantage of the district's equalized payment plan.

Water consumption can fluctuate seasonally, resulting in unbalanced water bills. However, with the equalized payment plan, you will be billed the same amount on every two-month water bill. The billed amount is determined by calculating a 12-month average of your bills based on previous consumption. The district will revisit the equalized billed amount annually in May or June (depending on whether you are billed in odd or even months) and adjust the amount as necessary.

For more information, please call the district at (916) 791-0115 or visit [www.sjwd.org](http://www.sjwd.org).

### Online Bill Paying Update

Our online bill paying system is in the final stages of testing and will be available soon. Please check [www.sjwd.org](http://www.sjwd.org) for updates.

# Tips for Reducing Summer Water Use

## When It's Hot, Time to Stop Watering

**S**TAGGERING YOUR OUTDOOR water use throughout the day helps us provide better service. It balances the demand on the district's pumping facilities, which saves energy and increases pump station reliability and fire-fighting capability. We recommend setting irrigation controllers to come on at times when your indoor water use is minimal. When everyone waters at the same time during early morning hours, it creates a huge demand on the water system.

It is okay to water any time except mid-afternoon, when evaporation is highest. Some customers even prefer to split their irrigation into two shorter cycles to allow water to penetrate the soil and reduce unnecessary and costly runoff. Please do not over-water.

### Efficient Irrigation is Key

Check your irrigation system for leaks, clogs or misdirected sprinklers and emitters to ensure efficient irrigation. Also, reset your irrigation timers each season to prevent watering longer than necessary

for your landscape's health and growth. Daily watering is unnecessary, and even harmful, to lawn and plant health, as it encourages shallow root growth. Consider an evapotranspiration (ET) or weather-based irrigation controller to increase outdoor water efficiency even more.

## Remember Indoor Water Efficiency

While enjoying the outdoors this summer, remember that indoor water efficiency is also important. Reduce your household water use by running only full loads of laundry and dishes, completely turning off water faucets when not in use and limiting shower times to 10 minutes or less.

### Need Help?

Our irrigation experts can help solve problems and answer questions regarding irrigation, **free of charge**. District staff is happy to visit your home or business to help with irrigation needs, using their master gardening background and irrigation training, to suggest simple solutions for increasing water efficiency while maintaining the beauty of your landscape. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (916) 791-2663.



## Students Show Their Water Awareness

**T**HIS YEAR'S ANNUAL WATER Awareness Poster Contest asked students to design posters highlighting the theme of water-use 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 winning posters to be featured in our 2008 water awareness calendar. The 2008 calendars will be available at the district office in November.

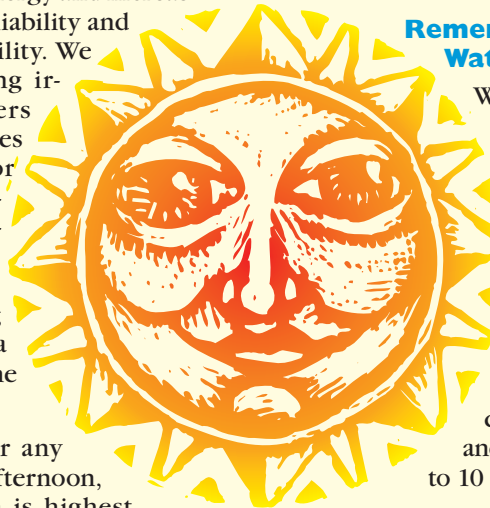
This year's poster contest winners for San Juan Water District are:

**First Place:** Molly Graves from Mrs. Yeo's fourth grade class at Eureka Elementary

**Second Place:** Shahana Abbasi from Mrs. Ferraro's sixth grade class at Eureka Elementary School

**Third Place:** Megan Dunlop from Mr. Martin's fifth grade class at Ridgeview Elementary School

As always, many creative posters were submitted, and it was difficult to select just three winners for the contest. The students with winning posters will each receive a savings bond and their teachers will each receive \$100 to purchase classroom supplies. Congratulations to the winners, and a big thank you to everyone who submitted a poster!



## Water Quality Report Coming Soon!

**L**OOK FOR SJWD'S ANNUAL CONSUMER Confidence Report (CCR) coming your way this summer. The report summarizes the results of more than 200 water quality tests to ensure safe drinking water. SJWD always meets or exceeds federal and state requirements for drinking water. To review last year's CCR, visit [www.sjwd.org](http://www.sjwd.org).

## Water Line Easements

**I**F YOU HAVE A WATER LINE EASEMENT on your property, avoid building any permanent structures (such as patios, walls, or heavy sculptures) in the easement, as we may be required to remove the structure during emergency or maintenance activities. Also, be sure not to plant shrubs or trees that can damage the water line within the easement boundaries.

The district needs access to the easements in case of emergencies and for planned maintenance activities. Please keep in mind that if a private encroachment must be removed during a pipeline repair, SJWD cannot be responsible for repair or replacement. Easements are obtained for facilities to both alert the homeowner of the restrictions on the land as well as protect the other SJWD customers from the costs associated with repair or replacement. If you are planning a project, call USA at (800) 227-2600 to have the utility alignment marked, or call the water district at (916) 791-0115 for more information.

## Mark Your Calendar!

**A**TTEND A FREE DRIP IRRIGATION workshop to learn how to improve your existing system or install a new one. For more information, call (916) 791-2663.

**When:** Saturday, June 16, 9 a.m. to noon

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

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