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NEW RATES NOW EFFECTIVE

The San Juan Water District Board of Directors conducted a public hearing in March where they heard public comment on a five-year rate proposal.

At their April 12 board meeting, the Board passed a rate plan for retail customers that included an 8 percent increase effective May 1, 2017, a 9 percent increase effective January 1, 2018, an 8 percent increase effective January 1, 2019, an 8 percent increase effective January 1, 2020 and a 6 percent increase effective January 1, 2021. The rate increases will allow us to:

- Fund necessary capital replacement projects
- Maintain and improve financial stability
- Meet required debt service obligations
- Maintain Board-adopted reserve levels
- Meet increased regulatory demands

For more information, visit our transparency hub at sjwd.org/transparencyhub.

HOW ARE YOUR RATES CHANGING?

Customers with a one-inch meter will see an increase of 18¢ per day or \$10.80 per billing cycle.

WHAT WE ARE DOING TO CUT COSTS

We take steps to minimize customer rate increases as part of our yearly budget planning. Here's a few ways we have reduced expenses:



Secured \$10 million in grant funds for construction projects



Transferred a portion of retirement and benefit costs to existing employees



Kept staff levels consistent while we face more stringent state mandates



Deferred capital projects, fleet and equipment purchases



Refinanced existing debt to save an additional \$500,000 per year in interest costs



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IT'S IRRIGATION TUNE-UP TIME

It's time to get those irrigation systems ready for the dry months ahead. Here's a quick checklist to perform your irrigation tune-up:

- Turn your system on one station at a time. Check for broken sprinklers, leaks or missing drip emitters.
- Replace leaking or broken nozzles or drip system emitters.
- Straighten leaning or misguided sprinkler heads.
- Arrange sprinkler spray patterns so each spray hits the next sprinkler pattern for best coverage.
- Make sure sprinklers don't water driveways, sidewalks or patios.
- Ensure the right pressure for each spray pattern. If it looks like a mist, your water pressure is too high.
- Listen for any sprinklers that spit, sputter or hammer when they turn on. If you find one, replace it with a new sprinkler head with an internal check valve.
- Make sure your irrigation controller battery works. If it doesn't, your controller will go back to its factory settings if power is lost.
- Check your system each month to keep your system in top performing shape.
- Call 791-2663 if you have any questions.



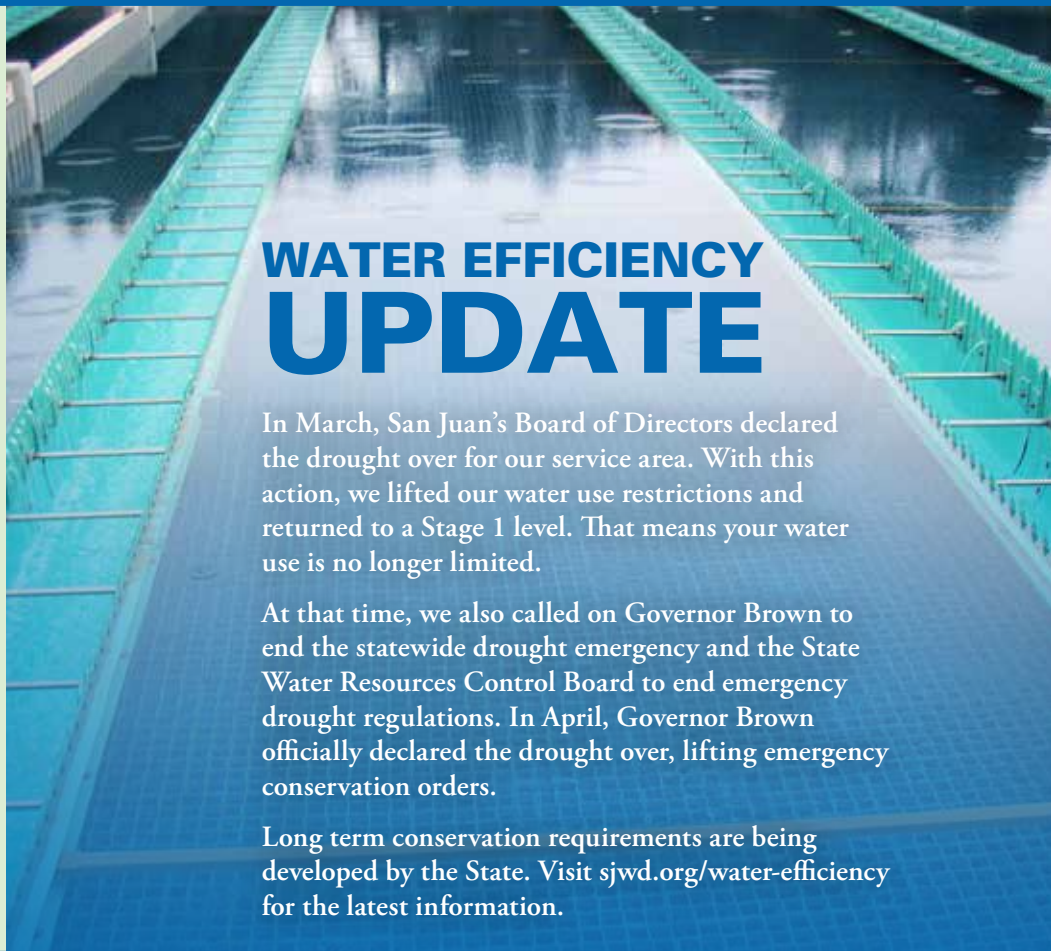
WATER WORKSHOPS COMING YOUR WAY

If you haven't heard, we hold free community workshops. Thanks to your input, we created a fantastic 2017 line up. Check them out:

Get inspired @ **Bushnell's Garden Tour**, Saturday, June 17 at 9:30 a.m. at Bushnell's.

Meet the expert @ **The Plant Lady's Landscape Class**, September 16 at 9:30 a.m. at San Juan.

sjwd.org/calendar



WATER EFFICIENCY UPDATE

In March, San Juan's Board of Directors declared the drought over for our service area. With this action, we lifted our water use restrictions and returned to a Stage 1 level. That means your water use is no longer limited.

At that time, we also called on Governor Brown to end the statewide drought emergency and the State Water Resources Control Board to end emergency drought regulations. In April, Governor Brown officially declared the drought over, lifting emergency conservation orders.

Long term conservation requirements are being developed by the State. Visit sjwd.org/water-efficiency for the latest information.

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