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SINCE 1854

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANCELS PLANNED WATER RATE INCREASE

On September 23, the District's Board of Directors voted unanimously to cancel the retail water rate increase that had been scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2027. For our customers, this means retail water rates will remain unchanged for the second consecutive year.

Following a review of the District's finances, capital improvement program, reserve levels, and long-term infrastructure needs, as well as its financial management practices and additional savings identified within the capital improvement program, staff determined that the District could continue to meet its operating, capital, and reserve requirements without implementing the planned rate increase.

This marks the latest in a series of Board actions over the past several years aimed at reducing customer costs while continuing to invest in infrastructure, maintain strong reserves, and support reliable water service. The Board continues to evaluate opportunities to improve efficiency, pursue outside funding, and make responsible financial decisions that reduce or avoid planned rate increases while protecting the long-term reliability of the services our customers rely on.

The District will continue to implement infrastructure improvements, water quality programs, system maintenance, and long-term planning efforts to provide safe, reliable water service while maintaining responsible financial management.



OFFICE CLOSURES

Our office will be closed on the following dates:

- November 11
- November 26-27
- December 25
- January 1

For any water-related emergencies, please call **(916) 791-0115**.

JOIN US FOR AN UPCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our Board of Directors meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office. We encourage participation and welcome public comments on District activities. For more information and to view the agenda for the next meeting, please visit **sjwd.org/board-meetings**.

DISTRICT HOSTS KOKILA RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT PROJECT MILESTONE EVENT

The District's Board of Directors and staff hosted a special event on October 6 to celebrate construction progress and federal funding for the Kokila Reservoir Replacement Project. The event also recognized Congressman Kevin Kiley for his support of the project and efforts to secure the funding that made it possible.

The Kokila Reservoir provides treated water storage for the District's daily operations and emergency needs. The replacement project is a critical infrastructure upgrade designed to ensure the continued delivery of safe, reliable drinking water to the community.

Built in 1984, the original 4.56-million-gallon earthen embankment reservoir featured a Hypalon liner and cover system designed to protect the water supply from contaminants. Although designed to last approximately 25 years, the liner and cover remained in service for more than 40 years due to consistent maintenance and durable materials.

In 2025, lab testing confirmed that the liner and cover had reached the end of their service life and required replacement to maintain water quality and reliability. The aging reservoir is now being replaced with a partially buried, 4-million-gallon prestressed concrete tank that will provide reliable water storage for approximately 150,000 customers. Construction is underway, with completion expected in February 2027.



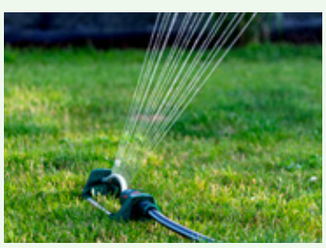






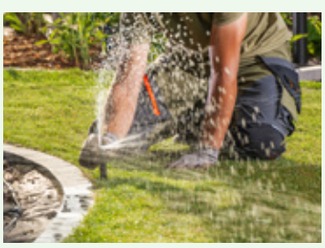
WINTERIZE YOUR LANDSCAPE

With colder weather on the way, follow these tips to adjust your watering habits and prepare for the winter season ahead.



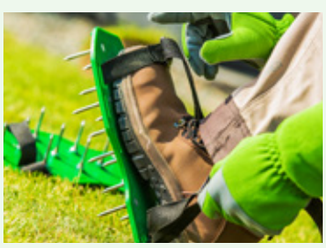
Adjust Your Irrigation Schedule

As temperatures cool, reduce watering to 2-3 days per week and adjust as needed based on the weather.



Inspect Your Irrigation System Regularly

Catching and fixing leaks early helps prevent water waste and keeps your system running efficiently.



Aerate Your Lawn.

Aerate regularly to help water, air, and nutrients reach the roots.



Let Your Lawn Go Dormant

Allow your lawn to naturally go dormant in the winter, when less watering is needed.

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