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YOU ARE INVITED TO A CRITICAL TOWN HALL MEETING

We are working with Fallbrook Public Utility District to change water suppliers, parting ways with the San Diego County Water Authority and begin purchasing water from the Eastern Municipal Water District. The switch is expected to save Rainbow and FPU D an estimated \$7.6 million a year.

The rising cost of water has long been a hot topic in our community, hitting the agriculture and avocado industry hard. Each year, the Water Authority's cost to our customers has risen by an average of 8%.

This year, SDCWA wants to raise rates by 14%.

Rainbow and FPU D filed applications with the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission, or LAFCO, to make the wholesaler switch. LAFCO is the agency charged with overseeing such boundary changes. In June, the issue is set to go before the full LAFCO commission for a vote. If LAFCO approves, it will then go to a vote of Fallbrook and Rainbow residents. Join us, you don't want to miss this one!



DATE: MAY 17, 2023

TIME: 6:00pm

LOCATION: F.P.U.D

Fallbrook Public Utility District

990 East Mission Road

Fallbrook, CA 92028

COME MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!!

Looking to make a difference in your community? Join any of our public committees (Budget & Finance, Engineering & Operations, or Customer Service & Communication) and help shape the future of water management in your area! As a member, you'll have the opportunity to work with other community members who share a passion for service. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a positive impact on your community - join a committee today!

To join, call our office at (760) 728-1178 and ask to speak with **Dawn Washburn**, Board Secretary about joining a committee.



THRIVING IN DRY TIMES: DROUGHT-TOLERANT LANDSCAPING

Drought-tolerant landscaping is essential. We are well aware our region has been hit with droughts and water shortages over the years. By designing a drought-tolerant landscape, homeowners in our District can conserve water, reduce maintenance costs, and create a beautiful landscape that thrives even in dry conditions. In this article, we will discuss some tips on creating a drought-tolerant landscape in our area:



Choosing the Right Plants: The first step in designing a drought-tolerant landscape is choosing the right plants. Native plants like the California Lilac, Manzanita, and California Sagebrush are perfect choices for North San Diego County. These plants are well adapted to the local climate and require less water than non-native plants. When selecting plants, consider their water needs and group them accordingly, so you can easily irrigate them with the same amount of water.



Hardscaping: Hardscaping can also play an essential role in designing a drought-tolerant landscape. Incorporating hardscaping elements like rocks, gravel, and boulders can help to reduce the amount of water needed to maintain the landscape. Hardscaping can also add visual interest to the landscape, making it more attractive and unique.



Drip Irrigation: Drip irrigation is a more efficient way of irrigating plants compared to traditional sprinklers. It delivers water directly to the roots of the plants, minimizing water loss through evaporation. Drip irrigation is also customizable, making it easier to irrigate plants with different water needs.



Mulching: Mulching is an effective way of conserving water in a drought-tolerant landscape. Mulch helps to retain soil moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature. Organic mulches like bark or wood chips can also help to improve soil fertility as they decompose over time.



In closing, Drought-tolerant landscaping is a smart and eco-friendly choice for homeowners in North San Diego County. With proper planning and maintenance, a drought-tolerant landscape can be a low-maintenance and sustainable addition to any property.



Don't forget to stop by the RMWD booth at the 36th Annual Avocado Festival!

Sunday, April 23, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Spring is here, which means so is the Fallbrook Avocado Festival! It's time to mark your calendars for the 36th annual festival Sunday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rainbow Municipal Water District will be one of 450 vendors participating, featuring avocado-themed products, foods, and specialty goods. Stop by our booth to say hello! We will have a miniature model of our distribution system, fun activities for kids, and more!