

A REQUEST FOR WATER CONSERVATION

Starting December 7, 2009 and continuing through December 16, 2009, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) and the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) will shut down one of the large aqueduct lines that serve the District. The shutdown is to accommodate maintenance at MWD's Lake Skinner Treatment Plant in Temecula and aqueduct maintenance by SDCWA. The shutdown will reduce a major source of supply for RMWD during this 10-day period. The area south of Highway 76 will be most vulnerable to water shortages during the shutdown; however, water conservation is important throughout the District.

In order to provide water for the District, temporary pumps will be installed at various locations. These pumps may be required to run at all hours of the day and night; therefore, some customers may experience some inconvenience from the noise.

We are asking all of our customers to assist us by conserving water during the shutdown. If you are an agricultural customer, the District is asking you to stop all water use from December 7, 2009 to December 16, 2009.

If weather conditions are cool and/or wet, the District has enough water in storage to handle the outage during this period. In the event weather conditions are hot and dry or the District determines water usage may exceed the water in storage, mandatory restrictions for water use will be enforced. If you have any questions, please call Customer Service at (760) 728-1178. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your best efforts to conserve water during this short period of time.

NOTICE OF INCREASE IN PASS-THROUGH METER CHARGES

(GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53756)

The Rainbow MWD Board of Directors adopted pass-through increases to the meter charges effective with water bills received on or after January 1, 2010. The new rates are in direct response to the increases charged by Metropolitan Water District and San Diego County Water Authority, our wholesale water suppliers. The meter charges remain fixed for the calendar year 2010 and are calculated based on the size of each customer's water meter. Each customer can view this charge on their monthly bill designated as "MWD/SDCWA Fixed Fees".

The pass-through charge consists of five cost components; Emergency Storage Program, Customer Service Charge, Infrastructure Access Charge, Capacity Charge, and Readiness-to-Serve Charge. Agricultural customers currently in the IAWP and/or SAWR programs do not benefit from the Emergency Storage Program and therefore have a lower monthly fee. The new charges are reflected in the following table.

MWD/SDCWA Fixed Fees

Meter Size	Monthly Domestic User Charge	Monthly Agric. User Charge (AC, SC)	Monthly Agric/Domestic User Charge (AD,SD)
5/8"	\$ 15.29	\$ 10.75	\$ 15.29
3/4"	\$ 15.29	\$ 10.75	\$ 15.29
1"	\$ 24.47	\$ 17.20	\$ 24.47
1 1/2"	\$ 45.88	\$ 32.24	\$ 45.88
2"	\$ 79.53	\$ 55.89	\$ 45.88
3"	\$ 137.64	\$ 96.73	\$ 45.88
4"	\$ 244.70	\$ 171.97	\$ 45.88
6"	\$ 550.56	\$ 386.92	\$ 45.88

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**NORTH RESERVOIR COVERING
PROJECT COMPLETED!**

In early November district staff turned a valve and allowed water to flow into the newly covered North Reservoir. The construction project—which was mandated by federal law—cost approximately \$2.5 million and was partially paid for by a grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

A few years ago a new federal law required that all drinking water reservoirs either be covered or the water coming out of the reservoir had to be treated before reaching consumers. The concern was that exposure to windblown contaminants, runoff and/or animal waste could pollute the drinking water supply. Rainbow's four uncovered reservoirs met health requirements when they were originally built but do not comply with this new law.

Now that North Reservoir is completed we will take the Northside Reservoir out of service to install its new cover. The Northside Reservoir also received ARRA funding; collectively the ARRA funds for these two projects saved each RMWD ratepayer about \$870.

This spring we hope to begin work to cover Morro Reservoir. The funding for Morro will be paid for through water rates. That still leaves our largest reservoir—Beck Reservoir—uncovered. District staff and the Board of Directors are evaluating options for Beck and should make a final decision—including how to finance the project—within a few months.

The North Reservoir is undergoing testing and startup and should be delivering water to customers by Thanksgiving.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE VACANCY

RMWD is currently seeking one new community volunteer to fill a vacancy on its Communications Committee.

This Committee is responsible for matters of internal and external communications including: positive public image; positive staff relationships; community outreach; media relations; water conservation programs; intergovernmental relations; and other public relations programs.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the RMWD Communications Committee, please contact Dawn Washburn at (760) 728-1178 Ext. 129.

Also, if there are any items of particular interest you would like to see in the newsletter, please email us at communications@rainbowmwd.com.

EMPLOYEE 25TH ANNIVERSARY



In October, 2009 Kevin Miller celebrated his 25th anniversary with RMWD. Kevin joined the District in October, 1984 as a Meter Reader and is currently the Wastewater and Projects Superintendent.

During his years with the District, Kevin has held many positions, including Maintenance Worker, Maintenance Lead Worker, Construction & Maintenance Supervisor, Assistant O&M Manager and Operations Project Manager.

Throughout his employment with RMWD, Kevin has continued to gain the knowledge and education as well as certifications, such as a Grade 4 in Collection System Management, T2 in Water Treatment, and a D4 in Water Distribution.

Kevin's responsibilities include coordinating and managing the repair, maintenance and operation of the Wastewater pumping and collection system. He also performs research, planning and inspection activities related to water, sewer, and facility projects.