



METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT RATE HEARING

Local water agency members traveled to Los Angeles to attend the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) board meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 to demand accountability by MWD, challenging their rates, and demanding fairness and agreement with state laws. Rainbow Municipal Water District's General Manager Tom Kennedy was among those who testified at the Board meeting, asking MWD to comply with State laws when setting their rates.

As you may be aware, the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA), of which RMWD is a member, has challenged MWD's previous rates in court and prevailed. To date, the court judgements total nearly \$250 Million for the 2011 to 2014 rates. A suit over the 2015/2016 rates is in process and on April 13, 2016, SDCWA filed suit against MWD for the 2017/2018 rates that were adopted the day before. All told, the overcharges for this roughly eight-year period will be over \$500 Million. MWD has appealed the court decision, but did not alter their rate setting process. Regrettably, MWD adopted new rates that will increase the overall wholesale cost of water.

CONSERVATION BULLETIN

Recently Rainbow Municipal Water District (RMWD) and eleven other agencies teamed up to participate in the North County Water Agencies regional fourth-grade poster contest designed to raise awareness and promote conservation. The local agencies banded together to deliver a cohesive, unified message to the fourth-grade students in our region about water conservation, sustainable resources and local supplies.

This year students from Bonsall Elementary and Vallecitos Elementary school participated in the "Be Water Smart" 2016 Poster Contest. The students are asked to illustrate imaginative ways to conserve or recycle water, smart ways to use water at school and home, or ways to prevent water pollution. Each year the entries are judged by RMWD staff on creativity, artistry, design, and best expression of the theme. Three winners were chosen to be in next year's calendar.



We would like to thank all of our talented students for participating in this year's contest and helping to get the message out about water conservation. The artwork from the top ten entries will be converted into magnetic signs and displayed on District vehicles reinforcing the conservation messages portrayed.

If you are involved in a local community group and would like RMWD to be a guest speaker on specific water topics such as: treatment, reliability, landscaping, drought conditions, our water system and sustainable resources, please contact Cynthia Gray @760-728-1178 ext. 101 or visit our website at <http://www.rainbowmwd.com/contact-us>

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FEATURED SPOTLIGHT

Rainbow MWD is finishing up the construction of the Lake Vista Estates Loop with the installation of the Pressure Reducing Station (PRS) at the end of Lake Vista Estates Drive. Crews installed about 140 feet of pipe to loop two dead ends. The pressure station will regulate pressure from the two different pressure zones and provide needed redundancy for Lake Vista Estates and the Bonsall area.

This particular PRS pictured below, in the process of being delivered and installed, was for the Olive Hill Estates and is now the 58th pressure station currently operating in our system. The Lake Vista Estates PRS will be number 59 and should be completed by early May. RMWD plans to continue with the installation of many more PRS increasing system reliability and improving pressure management.

