

A REQUEST FOR WATER CONSERVATION

- ***Shutdown will start on Wednesday, Monday, January 20, 2015 and continue through Wednesday, January 29, 2015.***

Metropolitan Water District will shut down the # 4 Aqueduct pipe line that serves Rainbow Municipal Water District to perform repairs to the Aqueduct Infrastructure. The Shutdowns will eliminate the District's water source supply for a total ten-day period.

In order to provide water to all areas of the District, temporary pumps will be installed at appropriate locations throughout RMWD. These pumps may be required to run at all hours of the day and noise may be experienced by some customers in the local vicinity.

We are asking customers to assist RMWD by conserving water. If weather conditions are cool and/or wet, the District will have enough water in storage to handle the outage during this period. If you are an agricultural customer or a grove service, the District is asking you to voluntarily refrain from using water from **January 19, 2015 through January 30, 2015** (two extra days will allow our reservoirs adequate storage). In the event weather conditions dictate or the District determines water usage may exceed the water in storage, mandatory restrictions for agricultural water use will be enforced. If you have any questions, please call the RMWD (760) 728-1178 Ext. 152.

The District apologizes in advance for any inconvenience this may cause its customers and appreciates your best efforts to conserve water during this short period of time.

Marc Walker
Water Operations Superintendent

HOLIDAY GREASE DISPOSAL

With the holidays just around the corner, RMWD is asking its customers to use best management practices when disposing of grease.

Problem:

Approximately 60% of all sewer blockages are caused by grease in the system. Oil and grease will solidify as soon as they hit cold water in the sewage pipes and can cause a blockage. These blockages can result in raw sewage spilling into our waterways and ocean. Even mixing grease with warm soapy water does not prevent clogs.

Solution:

Rainbow MWD has adopted Administrative Code Section 9.12 regulating commercial kitchen grease disposal; however, a review of those areas that do experience blockage problems reveals that many of them are in residential areas. Residents should also use proper grease disposal techniques as follows:

- Never put any type of grease or oil, whether it's frying oil, salad oil, or cooking grease, into the sewage system by dumping it down the sink.
- Put excess cooking oil or grease into a container and throw it in the trash.
- Wipe out greasy pots and pans with a paper towel before washing them.
- Do not use the garbage disposal to grind fat trimmings – wrap them up and put them in the trash.

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MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

On November 4th an election was held to select a representative for Rainbow's Division 3. Division 3 is an area that is in the central portion of the District and is currently represented by Board President George McManigle. The seat for Division 4 was also up for re-election but since the incumbent Bob Lucy was unopposed he was automatically appointed to another four year term. The other three Board positions will be up for re-election in 2016. Each division in Rainbow has approximately 3500 residents.



While the election results have not been made official quite yet, the vote counts indicate that Director McManigle has not succeeded in his re-election bid. Director McManigle has served his District well over his 8 years on the Rainbow Board of Directors. His steadfast leadership as Board President has been a stabilizing force on the Board. His active role in forming a citizen led Communications Committee has helped the District develop community outreach strategies that focus on the interests of the ratepayer exclusively.

All of us at the District wish to thank George for his service to the public at Rainbow and wish him the best in his future endeavors. He will not be out of public service entirely as he is also a Board Member on the Mission Resource Conservation District. Thank you George for your eight years of service to the Rainbow ratepayers!



Effective January 1, 2015 Division 3 will be represented by Tory Walker. Mr. Walker is an 18 year resident of the District and is actively involved in water policy and engineering.

Tory Walker states, "I am truly honored to serve our community in this way, and I look forward to working with the District leadership. Working together, I am confident we will be able to ensure the long-term sustainability of our infrastructure and water supplies."

Mr. Walker is the President of Tory R. Walker Engineering and is a registered professional engineer specializing in water resources. Mr. Walker brings nearly 30 years of experience in water engineering to help guide his decisions as a member of the Rainbow Board of Directors. Welcome Director Walker!

DROUGHT UPDATE

It was nice to get a little bit of rain in the first days of December, but while those rains were welcome they had little impact on the statewide drought. At the beginning of the month, the State Department of Water Resources set the initial allocation of water from the Sierras at a 10 percent allocation. We were at 5 percent last year, so this is an improvement but the situation is still dire. We really need a healthy snowpack in the Sierras to fend off water restrictions next year.

In the meantime, please do what you can to conserve – especially in your outdoor water use. Check for leaks in your irrigation systems and turn things down as far as you can during the cooler wetter months. Every drop we save now will come in handy in 2015. If you would like a free water audit on your property just contact us at 760-728-1178 and we will get you set up.