

RMWD RECOGNIZED BY STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER WALDRON

In July 2015 State Assembly Member Waldron presented RMWD with a Certificate of Recognition from the State Assembly for our recent award of a Transparency Certificate of Excellence from the Special District Leadership Foundation. The Transparency Certificate is awarded to public agencies who demonstrate a core value of open and transparent practice of governance for the public. RMWD's Board President Dennis Sanford (pictured here with Engineering Manager Sherry Kirkpatrick) accepted the Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the RMWD Board and ratepayers. We are proud that our efforts to remain open and transparent with our ratepayers has been recognized at the Statewide level.



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**LAFCO UPDATE**

Last month, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) was scheduled to hear testimony concerning Fallbrook Public Utility District's application to take over Rainbow Municipal Water District (RMWD). Dozens of RMWD ratepayers who are concerned about the future of the district attended the meeting to voice their opinions. The hearing was continued until September 14th, at 9:00 a.m. in order to allow Supervisor Bill Horn, whose district includes both water districts, to attend the hearing.

We fully expect the LAFCO Commissioners to hear testimony from all interested parties, including ratepayers, at the September 14th hearing. We encourage ratepayers to attend this hearing and communicate your views to the Commissioners about FPUD's application to take over RMWD.

In an effort to provide the most up-to-date information about the takeover and the LAFCO process, RMWD will be hosting two additional informational Town Hall meetings.

Meeting 1: Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.  
Rainbow Valley Grange  
5015 5th St in Rainbow

Meeting 2: Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 6:00 pm  
Bonsall Community Center  
31555 Old River Rd in Bonsall  
(This is located on the grounds of the Bonsall Elementary School)

Most importantly, try to attend the September 14th LAFCO hearing at 9:00 a.m., in room 310 of the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA.

## **DROUGHT UPDATE**

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First of all, we want to thank all of you who are taking proactive steps to reduce water waste and conserve water. Every little bit helps and I have spoken to many ratepayers over the last few months about their efforts – it is truly impressive to hear how many of you are working hard on water conservation.

You may have seen in the media that Rainbow was one of the agencies who did not meet the State's cutback goal for our area. Unfortunately, the media failed to mention that RMWD customers cut back 41% in May - the focus was on the 21% cut in June which was below the State's target of 36%. If you average the two months we were pretty darn close for which all of you are to be commended.

If you have already done all you can do to conserve water, I cannot ask you to do more. If you have not already taken steps to reduce your consumption in response to the water shortage, now is the time. RMWD has free household water audits where a professional will review your irrigation systems and give you pointers on how to reduce your use. There are also valuable rebate programs for a variety of water efficiency upgrades that can save you money and water. Go to <http://www.watersmartsd.org/> and <https://www.watersmartcheckup.org/> for more information about programs and rebates.

### **FREE WORKSHOP FOR NORTH COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Rainbow, Fallbrook and Bonsall property owners (and anyone else who would like to attend!) are invited to a FREE workshop on August 22, 2015 from 9:30 to 11 am.

"Life After Lawn," a workshop on replacing turf grass with low-water use landscaping, will be held at the Fallbrook Public Utility District Boardroom, 990 E. Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

Greg Rubin, author of "The California Native Landscape: The Homeowner's Design Guide to Restoring Beauty and Balance" and founder of California's Own Native Landscape Design, Inc., will present on ways to remove your lawn and how to create a beautiful, beneficial low-water use landscape for your home. Replacing your high water use lawn with native plants can save you money and provide you with years of enjoyment. Mr. Rubin will detail how to select an appropriate plant pallet for your residence based on soil type, climate and location. Native, low-water use plants bring vibrant color and texture to landscapes, are low maintenance, and can create valuable wildlife habitat.

Lance Andersen, of Mission Resource Conservation District, will discuss how to retrofit the existing irrigation systems (that are designed to irrigate high-water use turf) for use with the newly created low-water use landscapes. Native plants require significantly less water than turf species and thrive with drip irrigation instead of the traditional broadcast spray heads, so modifying your irrigation system will not only save you money but will ensure that your new landscape flourishes.

A free raffle will be held and the lucky winners will take home their very own native landscaping resource! Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

To RSVP for this FREE workshop, or if you have any questions, please contact Karla Standridge at (760) 728-1332 or [karla@missionrcd.org](mailto:karla@missionrcd.org). We look forward to seeing you at this workshop!