

**CUSTOMER SERVICE IS BACK!!!**

**Effective April 7, 2014, RMWD's Customer Service Department will be in full operation at the RMWD offices located at 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028 during the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

**SDCWA NOTIFIES ALL AGENCIES OF DROUGHT WATCH ALERT**

The San Diego County Water Authority has notified its 24 member agencies that the region is at a Level 1 Drought Watch. The alert calls for continued voluntary water conservation efforts. Voluntary efforts include:

- \* repairing leaks quickly
- \* washing paved surfaces only when necessary for health and safety
- \* eliminating inefficient landscape irrigation
- \* irrigating only before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- \* using hoses with automatic shutoff nozzles for car washing

On January 17, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown declared a statewide drought because areas of California had been severely impacted by three years of dry weather conditions. The Water Authority does not anticipate water shortages for San Diego County in 2014 because of local investments in water storage facilities and a long-term decrease in regional water demand.

**Comparison of Water Use and Supply Conditions in Water Authority Service Area in 2007 and 2013**

Indicator	CY 2007	CY 2013
Total Water Use (includes recycled water)	725,900 AF	572,200 AF
Member Agency Local Supplies	77,000 AF	87,900 AF
Water Authority Colorado River Transfer Supplies	73,125 AF	180,000 AF
Regional Reliance on MWD Supplies	79%	53%
MWD End of Year Storage	1.8 MAF	2.4 MAF

Notes: MWD = Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
AF = Acre-Feet MAF=Million Acre-Feet



**Free Workshop for Rainbow Residents**

Learn how to make your garden work for you! A healthy, productive garden can be a valuable resource for you and your family. We will discuss tips to reduce the amount of chemical additives needed to produce vibrant fruit, vegetables, and herbs, all while improving the environment and creating a sustainable system. You are invited to this FREE workshop on May 10, 2014, from 9:30 to 11:00 am, at the San Diego County Fallbrook Library, 124 S. Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028. Please RSVP for the workshop by contacting Bethany Principe at (760) 728-1332 or [beth@missionrcd.org](mailto:beth@missionrcd.org).

An optional tour, \$10 per person, of French Frolic Gardens will be held at 1pm, following the workshop. Interested parties are responsible for their own transportation to and from the garden tour and should RSVP for the tour when signing up for the free workshop.

**Free Agricultural Workshop**

Rainbow, Fallbrook and Bonsall property owners (and anyone else who would like to attend) are invited to a FREE Agricultural workshop on May 20, 2014, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at the San Diego County Fallbrook Library, 124 S. Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

Please join us to learn about agricultural Best Management Practices for ensuring the health of the property and the surrounding environment and to learn about the Ag Waiver from Dr. Loretta Bates, a UCCE Farm and Home Advisor. This FREE workshop fulfills the two hour education requirement for the Ag Waiver. To RSVP for this workshop, or if you have any questions, please contact Karla Standridge at (760) 728-1332 or [karla@missionrcd.org](mailto:karla@missionrcd.org).

## **AGRICULTURAL AND NURSERY PROPERTY OWNER NEWS**

### **RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

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Fallbrook, CA 92029  
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The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) is developing a General Waste Discharge Requirement for Discharges of Waste from Commercial Agriculture and Nursery Operations (Ag Order) within the San Diego Region to replace Conditional Waiver #4 (Waiver). The WDR is in draft form and the Regional Board anticipates it to be finalized in 2015. To review the tentative Ag Order go to the Regional Board website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/sandiego/> click on Agriculture, then Tentative Permit under Quick Links, then WDR under Ag Order Documents.

All agricultural and nursery property owners have the opportunity to comment on the tentative Ag Order. This is your chance to let your voice be heard to help shape this regulation to be fair for all agriculture, small and large, in the San Diego Region. Send your comments to Roger Mitchell at [Roger.Mitchell@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Roger.Mitchell@waterboards.ca.gov) or to;

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Attn. Roger Mitchell  
2375 Northside Dr. Ste 100  
San Diego, CA 92108-2700

You can also send your comments to [csneed@rainbowmwd.com](mailto:csneed@rainbowmwd.com) or to the North County Irrigated Lands Group (NCILG) at;

NCILG (Rainbow Water)  
3707 Old Highway 395  
Fallbrook, CA 92028

The comments you send to the NCILG will be forwarded to Roger Mitchell.

## **NORTH COUNTY IRRIGATED LANDS GROUP (NCILG) MEMBER NEWS**

If you are a current member of the NCILG and have not completed and submitted a property inspection and parcel map or sketch, they are due. Inspection checklist forms, called Self Assessment for Tree Crops or Self Assessment for Nurseries are available on the Rainbow Water website under the Monitoring Group tab.

The parcel map or sketch of your property needs to include parcel boundaries, areas where runoff can drain into and off of your property, approximate locations of crops and buildings and any BMP's you have in place. Digital pictures of any BMP's would also be beneficial. A list of BMP's is available on the Rainbow Water website under the Monitoring Group tab.

Drop off or send the inspections and parcel maps to;

NCILG (Rainbow Water)  
3707 Old Highway 395  
Fallbrook, CA 92028

For more information on the NCILG or questions on the property inspections or parcel maps, contact Chuck Sneed, at [csneed@rainbowmwd.com](mailto:csneed@rainbowmwd.com) or by text or phone at (760) 525-6935.

## **WATER SCHOOL FOR IRRIGATED LANDS GROUP MEMBERS**

A two (2) hour Water Quality class will be hosted by Rainbow Water on May 22, 2014 from 10:00 – 12:00. The class is sponsored by the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) and taught by Dr. Loretta Bates, Ph.D., from the UCCE Ag Water Quality Division.