

AGRICULTURAL AND NURSERY PROPERTY OWNER NEWS

The North County Irrigated Lands Group (NCILG) is a monitoring group authorized by the Rainbow Municipal Water District's Board of Directors. The purpose of the NCILG is to assist agricultural and nursery property owners with meeting the requirements of Conditional Waiver #4 from the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board).



If you are receiving the Special Agricultural Water Rate (SAWR) discount from Rainbow Water, you have certified that you are an agricultural or nursery property owner. You are required to meet the conditions of Conditional Waiver #4. Owners of agricultural or nursery property not in the SAWR are also required to meet the conditions of Conditional Waiver #4. To meet waiver conditions, you need to join an existing monitoring group, form a new monitoring group or enroll as an individual. Joining the NCILG will meet the Conditional Waiver #4 requirements. Failure to be in a monitoring group may result in the loss of the SAWR discount from Rainbow Water and fines from the Regional Board.

NORTH COUNTY IRRIGATED LANDS GROUP (NCILG) MEMBER NEWS

Property inspections are due to Rainbow Water by December 31, 2013. Inspection and recordkeeping checklist forms are available on the Rainbow Water website under the Monitoring Group tab, by e-mailing csneed@rainbowmwd.com or by calling (760) 525-6935. In addition to the property inspection, a map or sketch of your property using the Site Map template in Section 1 of the recordkeeping packet or a parcel map is required to meet the requirements of Conditional Waiver #4. If you received a parcel map in your escrow paperwork when you purchased your property, you can use a copy of the map. The San Diego County Assessor's office can also provide a parcel map at a minimal cost. You can contact them at (619) 685-2455 or on their website at <https://arcc.sdcounty.ca.gov/Pages/maps-about.aspx>. On the map or sketch include parcel boundaries, notes of areas where runoff can drain into and off of your property, approximate locations of buildings and any BMP's you have in place. Digital pictures of any BMP's would also be beneficial.

Invoices for the NCILG one-time set up fee will be mailed in December. The one-time set fee is \$250 per irrigated acre up to a maximum of \$1250. The invoices will be due January 31, 2013.

The first mandatory two (2) hour water class is scheduled at Rainbow Water on January 16, 2014 from 10:00 – 12:00. A minimum of 10 attendees is needed for the class to be held. More classes will be scheduled as needed.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE IS MOVING

Due to construction and holidays, the Rainbow MWD Customer Service Department will begin the transition process of moving to Fallbrook Public Utility District during the latter part of the month of December.

The Fallbrook Public Utility District location will provide full customer services during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, including accepting payments for the Rainbow MWD customers in the form of checks or money orders Monday through Thursday.

Rainbow MWD will also continue to provide customer services at the Highway 395 location for a transitional period of time.

Fallbrook Public Utility District offices are located at 990 East Mission Road, Fallbrook, California.

WINTER HOURS FOR RAINBOW OFFICE

**November - December
Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**



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RAINBOW, FPUD BOARDS BEGIN LAFCO CONSOLIDATION

The functional consolidation between the Fallbrook Public Utility District and the Rainbow Municipal Water District may turn into an actual jurisdictional consolidation by the end of 2014.

The Rainbow board voted 5-0 Nov. 19 to direct common staff to draft an application to San Diego County's Local Agency Formation Commission for full consolidation, and FPUD's board approved that action in a 3-0 vote at a Nov. 20 special meeting.

Earlier this year FPUD and Rainbow formed the North County Joint Powers Authority to allow for functional consolidation. "They basically recognize the savings so far and understand the potential savings for the full consolidation," said Brian Brady, who is the executive officer of the joint powers authority and the general manager of both districts. "They think it's prudent to further this LAFCO process."

After LAFCO receives the application for consolidation, LAFCO staff will initiate a study process. "It will take a good portion of 2014," Brady said.

Update: The North County Joint Powers Authority (NCJPA) Board of directors are scheduled to meet several times over the next two months to vet elements of the proposed merger prior to recommending the application to the two district boards.