

## JUST FOR FARMERS

### NEED HELP? GET A FREE AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

Farmers: take advantage of this free service to help you pinpoint problems with your irrigation system, make improvements, conserve water and maximize your crops. You probably already know that attention to detail and proper timing is key.

Efficiency is the result of a fine-tuned irrigation system. But it isn't easy to figure out how to make this happen, nor is it easy to keep up with higher costs, more regulations, and competition. Mission Resource Conservation District, a nonprofit state resource agency, will send experts in soil, crops, irrigation and landscape to your property to help solve problems and identify changes you can make to help you save water, time, crops and money.

### *How long does it take?*

A soil expert walks the entire property with you and conducts a full evaluation of the site. It usually takes between 3 to 4 hours.

### *Will someone try to sell me something?*

No. It's a free service funded by the San Diego Water Authority to improve local water use efficiency. No one will try to sell anything.



## CHECK OUT OUR ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Our annual "Consumer Confidence Report," or CCR, contains detailed information on water quality sampling performed in 2012. This sampling ensures that our water meets or exceeds regulatory standards.

Every year, our water meets or exceeds all state and federal requirements. It's all part of what we do.

To view your 2012 CCR, please visit: <http://rainbowmwd.com/Uploads/RMWD%20Annual%20Drinking%20Water%20Report%202012.pdf>. It will be available online beginning July 1, 2013. Viewing it requires a pdf reader. If you don't have one installed, you can get the free Adobe Reader at <http://get.adobe.com/reader>.

If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, or would like to speak with someone about the report, please call (760)728-1178, or email Joe Perreira at [jperreira@rainbowmwd.com](mailto:jperreira@rainbowmwd.com).

## RAINBOW ENGINEERS MOVE INTO FPUD OFFICES

This week, the Rainbow engineering staff began moving into the Fallbrook Public Utility District offices to help simplify and streamline engineering projects for both water districts.

The move is part of the ongoing progress both districts are making in their agreement to share each other's resources, employees and other assets. The sharing agreement - the joint powers authority - is in its third month of the one-year trial period both districts agreed to explore.

Since the joint powers authority allows the districts to share resources, both districts have more flexibility in staffing decisions. The projected annual savings from combining engineering staffs is \$400,000.

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**Board Approves New  
Budget**

The RMWD Board of Directors approved the 2013-2014 budget on June 6, 2013. Public hearings to consider water and wastewater rates and charges for 2014 will be scheduled for this fall.

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**NEW ONLINE WATER  
CALCULATOR FOR  
HOMEOWNERS**

*User-friendly online tool helps residents estimate water use and suggests conservation upgrades*

A new online tool helps residents estimate how much water they use in their homes and provides practical tips for conserving the region's most precious natural resource.

The Water Calculator guides users through a series of questions about their homes and water use indoors and outdoors. Based on house-specific data, the calculator quickly estimates how much water is used by major appliances or fixtures, and it identifies specific areas for improving overall household water-use efficiency. Then, the calculator compares individualized results with average and highly efficient homes in the same zip code, showing how much water could be conserved if homeowners make specific changes or upgrades. The process takes about 10 minutes. To try the Water Calculator, go to [www.sdcwa.org/water-calculator](http://www.sdcwa.org/water-calculator).

***Need help paying your water bill, or other bills?***

Try dialing 211. 211 is a free, 24-hour toll-free telephone number in the U.S. and Canada that provides quick information and referrals to health and human-service organizations.

Callers can dial the number and get a real person on the phone. Call specialists provide callers with referrals to agencies that can assist with problems such as needing help paying utility bills, lack of food, shelter, free vaccines and other services.

**Faucet Aerator: What Is It and Why Should I Care?**

A faucet aerator is that little screen on the end of your faucet. You might not think it does much except filter your tap water, but it actually does two things: It conserves water, and it improves the taste of your water by adding air to it.

Think: Have you ever tasted water from the hose and noticed it tastes different from water out of the faucet? That's because the air added into the water improves the taste, just like wine enthusiasts say swirling the glass and adding air to the wine improves its taste.

Faucet aerators also reduce the flow of water, and that's an easy way to conserve what flows from your tap.



**Q:** How much profit does Rainbow make?

- a) 3%
- b) 2.5%
- c) None
- d) 6%

**A:** c) – none. We don't make a single penny on the water we sell. We sell it all at-cost