

Vallecitos Water District Invokes Water Shortage Contingency Plan Level 1 Asking for Voluntary Water Conservation Efforts Due to SDCWA Repairs to 90-inch Diameter Drinking Water Pipe

As “Between the Pipes” goes to press, the Vallecitos Water District (VWD) is preparing for a large water supply shutdown which will impact customers in San Diego County. The San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) is preparing to launch a major project to fix a leak in Pipeline 4 in the Moosa Canyon area of Bonsall north of VWD. Pipeline 4 is a 90-inch diameter pipeline that provides treated water throughout San Diego County, including the Vallecitos Water District. Other agencies impacted by the SDCWA shutdown include: Fallbrook Public Utility District, Rainbow Municipal Water District and Valley Center Municipal Water District. Pipeline 4 will be shut down for up to 10 days. The shutdown likely will start on September 9, 2019, however, these dates may be adjusted depending on the severity of the pipeline leak or dangerous weather conditions.

VWD is asking customers to restrict outdoor irrigation to the **MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE** beginning September 9, 2019, through the duration of the SDCWA shutdown. Customers should also refrain from other outdoor water uses such as: washing vehicles and filling fountains, pools, spas or ponds. Please remember to turn off all outside irrigation/lawn timers during the water use restriction time period. Livestock can continue to be watered.

VWD has already implemented strategies to mitigate the impacts of this SDCWA shutdown. The District filled its 19 reservoirs with over 120 million gallons of water to get the District and our customers through this difficult SDCWA shutdown. To learn more about the VWD’s water storage facilities, please consider attending our Fall 2019 Water Academy. Information about the Water Academy can be found on Page 2.

Additionally, in August, staff replaced an aging 18-inch valve to insure a separate drinking water supply pipe would have full flow during the shutdown. Information and updates regarding the SDCWA shutdown can be found on our Facebook and Twitter accounts as well as at



Vallecitos Behind-the-Scenes 'Water Academy' Tour October 10, 2019 from 8:30am - 4:30pm.

Have you ever wondered how your drinking water is treated and delivered to your home or business, or how the water from your toilets and sinks is recycled to such high standards that it can be used for irrigation? You can have these and more questions answered by getting a behind-the-scenes look during our FREE award winning Water Academy tour.

Our certified water and wastewater specialists offer customers a first-hand look at what it takes to operate the Vallecitos Water District and provide reliable, exceptional and sustainable water and wastewater services to the more than 100,000 residents in our service area. Participants board a chartered bus for a first-hand look at the District's 33-million-gallon and 40-million-gallon capacity Twin Oaks Reservoirs, currently said to be the largest of their kind in the world. The grand finale of the tour is a visit to the District's Meadowlark Water Reclamation Facility in Carlsbad, capable of recycling up to 74% of the wastewater generated in our service area. At this facility, participants learn how microorganisms help clean the water and see how increased capacity from the recent plant upgrade benefits the community by lowering the overall demand for limited, imported water.

In addition to these destinations, other tour highlights include seeing how specialized equipment is used in the field to keep the wastewater flowing, visiting the Water Operations Department's computerized control room to see how the District ensures that the drinking water is safe, and touring the Sustainable Demonstration Garden where participants will learn easy steps to conserve water. Various presentations will also be given at the beginning of the tour where participants



District staff takes customers on a tour of Meadowlark Reclamation Facility

will hear an overview of the District and have an opportunity to have questions answered by staff and District Board members.

From conservation-leading, forward-thinking projects like the Meadowlark plant upgrade to the unique educational aspect of the Water Academy tour itself, Vallecitos Water District has proven itself a community leader ready to use out-of-the-box thinking to meet its customers' demands.

The tour begins at the District's Administrative Offices located at 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos.

Vallecitos customers or members of the media interested in participating in the next Water Academy tour are welcome to contact Alicia Yerman at (760) 752-7123 or register online at www.vwd.org/wateracademy.

We Are Your Water and Wastewater Specialists

providing exceptional and sustainable services

Vallecitos employees were recently recognized for reaching milestone service anniversaries. Thirty employees had a combined total of 355 years of service to the District with three of these employees having 90 years of service among them. Many also have additional public service experience with other agencies.

This exemplifies that our staff have extensive experience delivering reliable water and wastewater service to our customers, are happy with their careers at Vallecitos, take pride in their work, and love to work in the water industry.

Thank you to all District employees for your continued dedication to our community!



From left to right: Michael Simmons, Construction Inspector II; Corey Harrell, Source Control Technician; and Ed Pedrazzi, Operations and Maintenance Manager have a combined 90 years of experience at Vallecitos.

The District will continue to provide exceptional and sustainable services by:

- Proactively, innovatively, and continuously improving the quality and efficiency of our operations and service;
- Supporting and retaining highly trained staff that is knowledgeable, engaged, team oriented and responsive to the community and other agencies;
- Providing support for the good of the region to remain a respected and active industry partner, and;
- Providing continuous outreach and education to our customers on issues and topics that impact the services we provide and our role as water and wastewater specialists.



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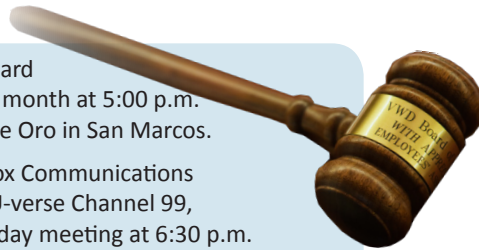
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 James Gumpel, District Engineer
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Postal Customer

The public is welcome to attend the Vallecitos Board Meetings the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Administration building—201 Vallecitos de Oro in San Marcos.

Meetings are also aired on San Marcos TV on Cox Communications Channel 19, Time Warner Channel 24 or AT&T U-verse Channel 99, which air on the Monday following the Wednesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.san-marcos.net/smtv for programming schedule.



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Seasonal Adjustments for Sprinklers

Many people do not realize that plants have different irrigation needs depending on the time of year and the corresponding season. During the spring, grass and plants need a lot of water to help them grow. In the summer, they need even more water to sustain the growth that was put on in the spring, and the extra water helps to keep the plant cool.

As autumn approaches, plants and grass need less water due to reduced solar radiation. Plants are preparing to go into the winter dormancy phase of their life. So, don't forget to reduce the run times on your irrigation timer. Doing this can save money on your monthly utility bill by reducing unnecessary water consumption.

If you need help doing this, sign up for a free landscape irrigation audit. For more information, go to www.vwd.org/landscapeaudit.

