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Where Does Your Water Come From?

Southern California receives water from a variety of sources. Southern California imports nearly half of its drinking water supplies to satisfy the water needs of our communities. Locally, the southeast Los Angeles County relies on imported water supplies, local groundwater supplies, and recycled water. In an effort to educate our community, and to encourage conversation about the future of our state’s water supply, the District’s Metropolitan Water District Directors, Board President Director Robert Apodaca and Director Phillip Hawkins, host annual trips to Southern California’s water delivery systems.

These trips provide the opportunity for individuals to really get a sense of where their water comes from. Each Director hosts a one-day Diamond Valley Lake, two-day Sacramento-Bay Delta, and a three-day Colorado River Aqueduct Inspection Trip. Attendees are invited to tour the massive infrastructure that brings water directly to their homes and receive a valuable first-hand look at water quality and management. Guests will return from the trips with a solid foundation of water knowledge and will be able to advocate and to encourage others to adopt and maintain a water-wise lifestyle and remind them of the value of water.

To view our inspection trip schedule or to submit an interest form to participate, contact Kelsey Coleman at (323) 201-5512 or via email kelseyc@centralbasin.org or visit https://www.centralbasin.org/community/outreach/inspection_trips.

Central MWD Caucus Schedule

The District, in partnership with Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, host quarterly Central MWD Caucus meetings to discuss water issues among water industry professionals along with local, state, and federal elected officials.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming dates and locations:

- February 5, 2020 Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD, Monrovia
- May 6, 2020 Central Basin MWD, Commerce
- August 5, 2020 Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD, Monrovia
- November 19, 2020 Central Basin MWD, Commerce

Topics and speakers will be announced as the date approaches. If you’d like to be included on the mailing list, email Kelsey Coleman at kelseyc@centralbasin.org

Helpful Links:

Central Basin’s Blog,
H2O Convo:
www.centralbasin.org/blog

Bottled Water Request:
https://forms.gle/3QAz9GDgkMkXk6mN8

Inspection Trip Interest Form:
https://forms.gle/ES58h2nV2CPwqebRA

Central Basin Press Releases:
www.centralbasin.org/news
Recent Highlights

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
On Monday, December 23, the Central Basin Board of Directors released for public review the District’s Fiscal Year 2018-19 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which includes the District’s independent annual audit, financial statements, management’s discussion and analysis, statistics, and other financial information. The CAFR provides readers with a summary of the District’s annual financial results and key financial policies. In addition to presenting the District’s assets and liabilities, the CAFR shows how taxpayer monies and other funds are received and spent. The CAFR is used by the Board of Directors, the public, purveyors, financial institutions and others to assess the District’s financial health. The District is pleased to announce that the Pun Group LLP, an independent auditor, issued an unmodified (“clean”) opinion with no findings on the District’s financial statements. In addition, the District achieved a debt coverage ratio (DCR) of 1.29 times, which exceeds the 1.15 times requirement. To view the District’s FY 2018-19 CAFR, please visit: https://centralbasin.org/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?Itemid=16302492

Gardening Workshops
Would you like a great looking lawn or garden that requires very little to no water? Central Basin, in partnership with Los Angeles County, hosts free gardening classes to educate individuals on simple gardening techniques that will conserve water and energy while their garden flourishes. The hands-on workshops are typically between an hour and a half to two hours long. If you have any questions, contact Sandi Linares-Plimpton, sandilp@centralbasin.org or (323) 201-5511. Classes begin in February, to view the upcoming schedule, visit: https://centralbasin.org/community/water_wise_gardening/free_gardening_classes

Proposition 84: Southeast Water Efficiency Program
The District’s Southeast Water Efficiency Program is a project that began in 2016 to provide more than 300 acre-feet per year of water savings, as well as water device retrofits. Funding for this program has been made available from the California Department of Water Resources through the Integrated Water Management funding program under Proposition 84. Through this program, the District will implement a total of 57 water-use audits. Currently, a total of 40 audits and retrofits have been completed to date. For example, the City of Lynwood is benefiting greatly from the grant. Twelve sites within the city have been audited, including city hall, the senior center, the transit center, Annex, Natatorium, Avalos Community Center, Ham Park, the youth center, Bateman Hall, the city yard, Adolfo Medina Park, and Lynwood Park. All of the sites, with the exclusion of Ham Park, will be receiving retrofits. Ham Park is already a recipient of recycled water and is conserving potable water.

Through this program, Central Basin has completed close to 200 water-use audits at several locations. As a result, the retrofits have included the following:

- 76 weather-based irrigation controllers
- 7,953 high-efficiency nozzles
- 8 high-efficiency toilets
- 6 high-efficiency urinals
- 16 high-efficiency showerheads
- 34 high-efficiency aerators

Upcoming Events

Board Meetings:
Monday, January 27 - 10:00AM
Monday, February 24 - 10:00AM

Committee Meetings:
Water Resources & Government Affairs:
January 14 - 10:00AM
February 4 - 10:00AM

Engineering & Operations:
January 15 - 10:00AM
February 12 - 10:00AM

Administration & Finance:
January 16 - 10:00AM
February 13 - 10:00AM

Office Closures:
New Year’s Day - January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 20
President’s Day - February 17

Central Focus
“Serving Our Community”

How Much Do You Know About H2O?
The Earth is known as the "Blue Planet" because percent of the Earth's surface is covered with water.

A. 55%
B. 63%
C. 71%

Ask Max!
Question:
How can I save more water at home?

Answer:
You can easily save water at home by taking shorter showers. Each minute you shave off your shower time saves up to 2.5 gallons of water.

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