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Helpful Links:

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Central MWD Caucus

On Wednesday, May 1, Central Basin, in partnership with Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, hosted the quarterly Central MWD Caucus Meeting. The meeting featured Matt Frary, Acting Principal Engineer of the Los Angeles County Public Works Department and focused on Measure W: Safe Clean Water Parcel Tax. Measure W is a program that was approved by voters in November 2018. Mr. Frary shared information including development and implementation of the program that will bring many water supply benefits. Additionally, a water supply update was provided by District staff. The next Central MWD Caucus meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District located at 602 Huntington Drive, Suite B, in the City of Monrovia. For more information or to RSVP for the meeting, please contact Kelsey Coleman at kelseycole@centralbasin.org or (323) 201-5512.

Recycled Water System Upgrades

In order to fulfill the District’s mission to “deliver reliable and high-quality water, as well as recycled water services to its customers and communities through effective and collegial partnerships with its retailers and other wholesalers,” the District strives to continually upgrade and repair its recycled water system. Currently, the District is planning to repair the aging Rio Hondo Pump Station (RHPS) located in Pico Rivera. The RHPS was constructed in 1993 as one of the first and largest recycled water pump stations for the District. Previous improvements to the RHPS were planned in 2010 with upgrades and modifications made in 2012. Much of the existing equipment at the RHPS, including two of the three service pumps are the original equipment installed in 1993. Current operations and system configuration require the RHPS to remain operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Recent Highlights

Central Basin Celebrates Earth Day
During the month of April, several events highlighted environmental awareness and celebrated Earth Day. District staff joined in by hosting booths at several locations throughout its service area. Booths were hosted at the City of South Gate’s Earth Day, the County of Los Angeles Sanitation District’s Earth Day, the City of Paramount’s Eco-Friendly Fair, and at TreePeople’s Water Talks. Staff distributed water conservation information, rebate flyers, and California Poppy Seeds, which promote California and drought friendly landscapes.

Downey High School Conquers Solar Cup
Central Basin is proud to announce Downey High School’s victory during the Solar Cup Competition at Lake Skinner in Temecula, California on May 17-19, 2019. Downey High achieved first place for a Veteran Team in the Central and Bay Region for their Public Service Announcement and second place for a Veteran Team in the Central and Bay Region in the 200-meter sprint. The team’s 16-foot, single-seated boat took the students eight months to build. Within the eight months, students were able strengthen their math, science, and teamwork skills while learning about the precious value of natural resources. Teams from about 40 high schools in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties competed in Solar Cup, which has grown to be the nation’s largest solar-powered boat racing competition.

Water Supply Update
So far, water supplies have been boosted from a series of storms, particularly during January and February when measurements for snow water equivalent measurements peaked at 156% of average. This water year got off to a fairly dry start, with the state experiencing very little precipitation through December. That quickly changed with a series of significant storms patterns which arrived at the start of 2019 and resulted in record amounts of rain and snow. Our state has benefited from a series of atmospheric river events that have already doubled average precipitation measurements. During the past 20 years, there has only been three wetter years than this current year. A very wet winter across California, coupled with cold temperatures has resulted in significant snowpack in the Sierra Nevada’s. April 1st is the water supply forecasting date with snowpack at its peak before beginning to melt from warming temperatures. This year’s Sierra snowpack measurement in April was approximately 162% of overall average – which was more than triple what the number was one year ago. Since December 2011, the state of California has been under significant drought conditions; now for the first time since then, state reservoirs across the state are in good shape for supplies that are at, or near 100%.

How Much Do You Know About H2O?
Water covers what percentage of the Earth’s surface?
A. 55%  
B. 71%  
C. 87%

Ask Max!
Question:
What is a simple way I can reduce my outdoor water use?

Answer:
There are many ways to reduce your outdoor water use! One way would be adding a shut-off nozzle to your garden hose. Doing so saves about 5-7 gallons each minute the hose is on.

Upcoming Events

MWD Sponsored Inspection Trips:
Diamond Valley Lake Inspection Trip on Friday, June 21, 2019 - Director Frank Heldman
Interested in a future tour? https://centralbasin.org/community/outreach/inspection_trips

Committee Meetings:
Water Resources & Government Affairs:  
June 4 - 10:00AM

Engineering & Operations:  
June 12 - 10:00AM

Administration & Finance:  
June 13 - 10:00AM

Board Meetings:
Tuesday, May 28 - 10:00 AM
Monday, June 24 - 10:00 AM

District Office Closed On:
Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day

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