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Upgraded and Rehabilitation of the Rio Hondo Pump Station

The District's Rio Hondo Pump Station is a critical facility due to its capability to pump recycled water from the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's outfall pipeline to any part of the District's recycled water distribution system. Established in 1993 and modified over time, the pump station delivers more than 1 billion gallons of recycled water annually. The District proactively seeks preventative measures to ensure its key facilities supporting the recycled water system are up to date and operating efficiently.

The District recently conducted a Conditions Assessment in partnership with Hazen & Sawyer to identify and address areas of improvement. This project directly benefits all end users of the recycled water community by reinforcing the reliability and dependability of the system supply. A preliminary design report has been completed, indicating recommendations from several test results that include upgrades and maintenance needs. The next step is to finalize full project design of the upgrades and maintenance needs. Once the design phase of the Conditions Assessment is completed, construction and improvements are anticipated to occur over the next five years. These improvements will strengthen the reliability and durability of the operations system.

Montebello Hills Pipeline

The District is working with the City of Montebello to expand recycled water services to a new development located in the Montebello Hills area. The expansion is estimated to provide 240 acre-feet annually of recycled water for irrigation purposes, which will include parks, pathways, walking trails, and community areas. During the upcoming project construction, recycled water will also be used for dust control measures and construction grading. This newly developed area will have enhanced environmental benefits by using recycled water and will assist by drought proofing the region during extended dry periods.
Recent Highlights

Central MWD Caucus
On Wednesday, November 6, the District, in partnership with Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, had the pleasure of having Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), as the keynote speaker at the quarterly Central MWD Caucus. Mr. Kightlinger shared an update on Metropolitan’s programs and activities with a year-in-review, along with goals and objectives for their agency in the coming year. For fiscal year 2018-19, MWD accomplished many achievements, such as:

- being a leader in crafting the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP). The DCP prevents Lake Mead from reaching low levels and allows more water storage to prepare for future droughts and shortages, resulting in the Colorado River becoming more sustainable.
- MWD’s Board voted to help finance the California WaterFix project. Under Governor Newsom’s direction, MWD supports a single conveyance tunnel through the Delta.
- Constructed and launched the largest recycled water facility of its kind in the nation, which may lead to a drought proof supply.

MWD is currently more water supply reliable than it has been in its history. To view MWD’s “Stepping Up in a Big Way” video, which highlights their successes, visit: https://youtu.be/1Mr6C2vMD-w

Girl Scouts Learn About Water Program
The District has established an innovative and unique water education program - designed specifically for Girl Scouts. Coordinated in partnership with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and the Metropolitan Water District, the program provides an education experience for Girl Scouts in disadvantaged communities. Not only will the Girl Scouts have the opportunity to tour the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, but they will also meet with water industry professionals to learn how water is delivered to homes, what recycled water is and how it is used, and how water can be saved. The program is FREE and available to Girl Scouts of all levels. Each participant receives an action project and earns a new Fun Patch. To schedule a tour and for more information, contact Sandi Linares-Plimpton at (323) 201-5511 or via email at sandil@centralbasin.org.

5-Year Water-Use Efficiency Rebate Activity Report
To evaluate local conservation efforts, Central Basin staff collects data from the Metropolitan Water District’s SoCal Water Smart Rebate Program. With the collected data, Central Basin developed a 5-Year Water Use Efficiency Rebate Activity Report that is updated on an annual basis. In fiscal 2018-2019 Central Basin service area received $334,657 in rebates for water efficient devices. The most popular devices were rotating sprinkler nozzles, weather based irrigation controllers and premium toilets. To access information on current rebates, visit www.socalwatersmart.com

How Much Do You Know About H2O?
What percentage of indoor water use comes from doing laundry?
A. 13%
B. 22%
C. 37%

Ask Max!
Question:
Which is more water-efficient: washing dishes by hand or using a dishwasher?

Answer:
Let the dishwasher do the cleaning for you! An Energy Star certified dishwasher can use as little as 3 gallons per load. Washing by hand can waste up to 27 gallons per load.

Upcoming Events

Board Meetings:
Monday, November 25 - 10:00AM
Monday, December 23 - 10:00AM

Committee Meetings:
Water Resources & Government Affairs:
November 5 - 10:00AM
December 3 - 10:00AM

Engineering & Operations:
November 13 - 10:00AM
December 4 - 10:00AM

Administration & Finance:
November 14 - 10:00AM
December 5 - 10:00 AM

Office Closures:
Veteran’s Day - November 11
Thanksgiving - November 27-29
Christmas Eve - December 24
Christmas Day - December 25
New Year’s Eve - December 31

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