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Helpful Links:

Available Rebates: www.socalwatersmart.com

Central Basin Speaker Request: https://forms.gle/o3PPLhXegStvMYi6

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

Community Outreach Request: https://www.centralbasin.org/Community/Outreach

Los Angeles County Safe Clean Water Program

In November 2018, Los Angeles County residents approved of Measure W, also known as the Safe Clean Water Program. This program is a parcel tax that would increase Los Angeles County’s local water supply, improve water quality, protect public health, and invest in making the community greener and more livable. The County’s water system was built 100 years ago to send stormwater out to sea to prevent flooding rather than capture it for future water use. When the stormwater is delivered to the ocean, it is not filtered and may include contaminants that negatively affect our water quality and the well being of humans and animals alike. Due to the approval of the Safe Clean Water Program, Los Angeles County now has the opportunity to capture more than 100 billion gallons of water each year, making our urban communities cooler, create places to play and relax, reduce pollution, boost investment in the urban core of Los Angeles County to help design and fund projects, and allow schools to apply for funding to build stormwater capture sites that double as playing fields. The Safe Clean Water Program will be funded by a parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable areas within the County. Approximately $300 million would be raised annually and the median Los Angeles County family would pay about $83. Certain properties, such as public schools, would be exempt from paying the parcel tax. To calculate how much you will be contributing, visit: http://egisgcx.isd.lacounty.gov/bos/m/?viewer=SafeCleanWaterLA
Recent Highlights

National Night Out
National Night Out is an annual event that encourages community members to build long-lasting relationships with law enforcement. The event takes place nationwide every first Tuesday in August. This year, Central Basin hosted booths in the cities of Downey, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Montebello, Signal Hill, and Whittier. Interested in having Central Basin at your next event? To submit a request, visit: https://centralbasin.org/community/outreach

Recap of the July 31st Central MWD Caucus
Central Basin, in partnership with Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, hosts quarterly meetings, known as the Central MWD Caucus, to discuss and review important water issues. On July 31st, we had the pleasure of having Kathy Viatella, State Legislative Representative of the Metropolitan Water District, provide an overview of Sacramento activities. If you are interested in attending or being added to our Central MWD Caucus distribution list, please contact Kelsey Coleman, kelseyc@centralbasin.org

Preservation of Metropolitan Representation
Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 1220, by Assembly Member Cristina Garcia into law. This legislation preserves Central Basin’s two seats on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The signing of this legislation ensures that Central Basin’s 1.6 million residents’ voices will continue to be heard regarding key water policy discussions and issues. Nearly half of the cities and communities served by Central Basin are qualified as disadvantaged; Assembly Bill 1220 will allow Central Basin to continue advocating for them.

FREE Gardening Workshops
Would you like a great looking lawn or garden that requires minimal water? If so, check out our website for the schedule of free gardening workshops that we host in partnership with both Los Angeles County and the Metropolitan Water District. These workshops were created 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. Attendees will learn about backyard and worm composting, water-wise gardening, grasscycling, and more. Please see the list below for our summer schedule or visit www.centralbasin.org/community/water_wise_gardening/free_gardening_classes

How Much Do You Know About H2O?
How much of the world’s water is salty or undrinkable?
A. 97%
B. 74%
C. 55%

Question:
What is something simple I can do to help improve our water quality?

Answer:
Use environmentally safe cleaning products to keep toxic liquids out of our water. Try vinegar, lemon juice, salt, borax, and other natural ingredients.

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