

OMWD Moves to Voluntary Conservation and Lowers Rates

OMWD's Board of Directors unanimously approved at its July 20 meeting moving out of a Level 2 Water Supply Shortage and into Level 1. While practices that waste potable water will remain prohibited by the state, water conservation efforts are now voluntary.

The move to Level 1 was a result of the recent State Water Resources Control Board order allowing agencies to determine their conservation standard based on the ability to meet demands with existing supplies. OMWD's board also reduced rates down to Level 1, from Level 2.

OMWD customers are now able to irrigate as often as their landscape requires provided that runoff does not occur and it has been at least 48 hours since measurable rainfall. There are no restrictions limiting irrigation to specific days or times; however, the most advantageous time to irrigate is before 8:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. to prevent water loss from evaporation or wind.



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OMWD continues to encourage conservation and water use efficiency in order to ensure that the region will continue to have adequate supply now and in the future. These conservation efforts remain especially important as climatologists are predicting La Niña conditions to arrive this fall which generally bring drier than average conditions to California.

Rebates are available for water-efficient devices such as rotating sprinkler nozzles, high-efficiency toilets, weather-based irrigation controllers, and high-efficiency clothes washers. Customers can apply online or find out more information by visiting www.olivenhain.com/rebate. SDG&E customers may order a free water and energy savings kit online at www.sdge.com/waterkit.

Customers can also schedule a free water use evaluation to learn ways to increase water use efficiency by visiting www.olivenhain.com/evaluation.

State-Mandated Restrictions That Remain in Effect

These are prohibited statewide and not just in OMWD's service area

Do not use potable water to irrigate ornamental turf on public street medians

Do not use potable water to irrigate landscapes of new homes and buildings when inconsistent with state building requirements

Do not irrigate outdoors during or within 48 hours following measurable precipitation

Do not use potable water in decorative water features that do not recirculate water

Do not use a hose that is not equipped with a shut-off nozzle to wash cars

Do not allow runoff when irrigating with potable water

Do not use potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways

Hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of not having towels and linens laundered daily

Restaurants and other food service establishments may only serve water to customers upon request



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BOARD MEETING DATES

Please visit our website at www.olivenhain.com for dates.

MISSION STATEMENT

Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a multi-functioning public agency that is dedicated and committed to serving present and future customers in a service-oriented manner by:

Water

Providing safe, reliable, high-quality drinking water while exceeding all regulatory requirements in a cost-effective and environmentally responsive manner.

Recycled Water

Providing recycled water and wastewater treatment in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsive method.

Parks

Safely operating the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve and providing all users with a unique recreational, educational, and environmental experience.

Emergency Management

Complying with policies and procedures that adhere to local, state, and federal guidelines for national security and disaster preparedness.

Sustainable Operations

Pursuing alternative and/or renewable resources with the most sustainable, efficient, and cost-effective approach.

Receive Free Recycled Water to Supplement Summer Water Use

Especially beneficial during warm, summer months, OMWD customers can take advantage of free recycled water for landscape irrigation by visiting our recycled water fill station. There is no limit to the number of visits you can make once issued a user card, and customers may transport up to 300 gallons of recycled water per visit.

Recycled water is wastewater that has undergone purification and disinfection processes to meet strict water quality standards. It is being temporarily offered to OMWD customers to reduce the consumption of potable water used for outdoor irrigation. Find out more information at www.olivenhain.com/fillstation.



Located at Campana Avenue & Camino San Thomas in the 4S Ranch area of San Diego, the fill station is currently open Wednesday and Friday from 12:00 pm. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., excluding holidays

August 20: 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility Open House



Facility tours will be held at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Learn how OMWD transforms wastewater into a renewable water supply for school fields, street medians, and other landscape areas at our annual open house on Saturday, August 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It takes approximately 40 minutes to follow the path that water takes through the reclamation process. There will be information booths, refreshments, free prize drawings, and childrens' activities so please stop by with your family! The facility is located at 16595 Dove Canyon Road in San Diego.



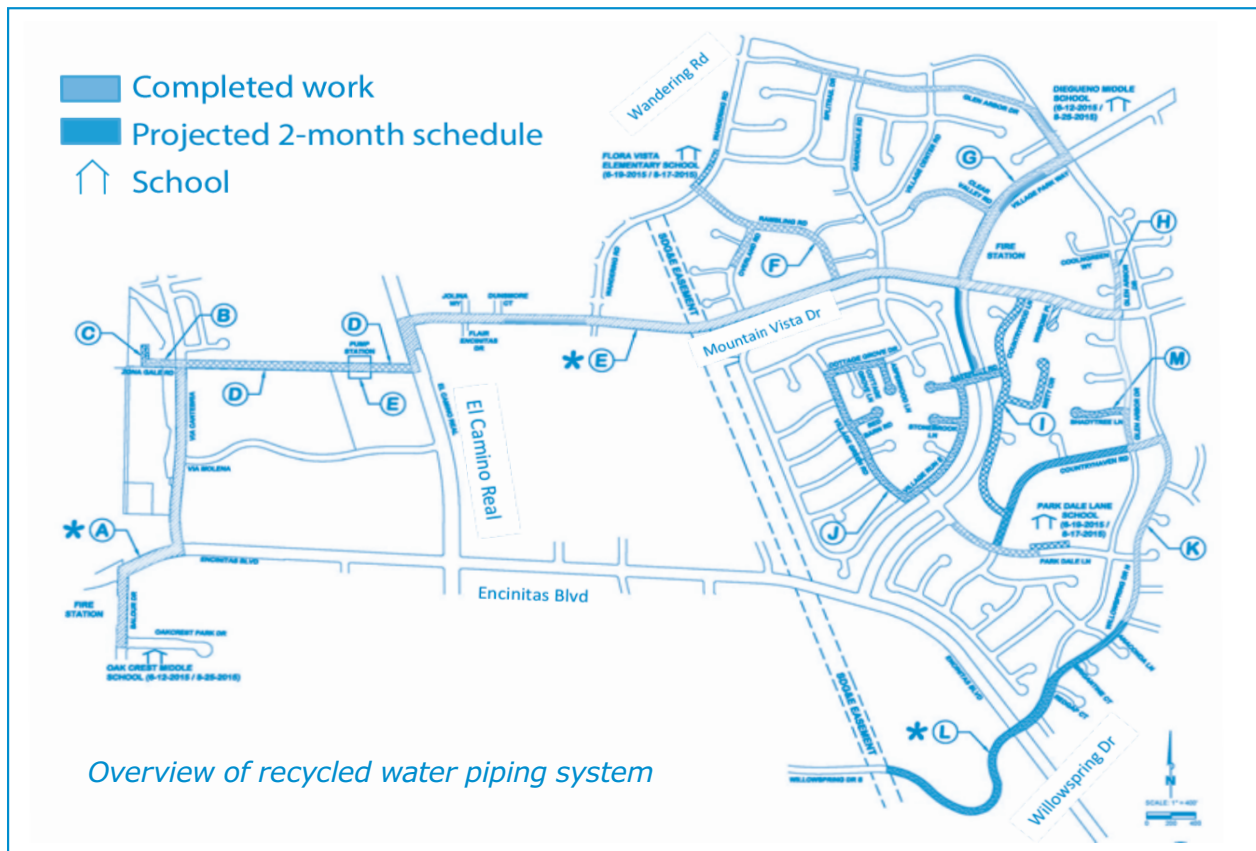
September 22: Sustainable Landscape Workshop



California-friendly means more beauty, with less water

Make a trip to Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve's beautiful Interpretative Center for a free workshop on Thursday, September 22, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Learn how to create a sustainable landscape that uses native and California-friendly plants, focuses on water use efficiency, and takes a watershed approach to landscaping. Refreshments and informational materials will be provided. Find out more or reserve your seat at www.olivenhain.com/events.

Village Park Recycled Water Project Making Progress



Construction on the Village Park Recycled Water Project continues as crews aim to complete the project this fall. The majority of work on recycled water reservoirs near Balour Drive and Via Cantabria is now complete, and crews continue to work on installing pipelines. Our goal is to conclude the project as safely and quickly as possible in order to facilitate delivery of recycled water to Village Park's many greenbelts, HOA-maintained areas, and schools.

Upon completion, seven miles of pipeline will deliver up to 840 million gallons of recycled water each year. That's enough to fill the largest stadium in the National Football League. In addition to reduced water rates, the benefits of using recycled water include the reduction of ocean discharge and potable water demands.

Find out more about OMWD recycled water efforts by visiting www.olivenhain.com/villagepark.

Deadline Approaches for Eleventh Annual Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve Photo Contest



The Pollinator by Karrie McGuigan

There is still time for amateur photographers of all ages to submit entries in the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve Photo Contest online before the September 5, 2016 deadline. Entries must feature the reserve as their subject or be taken within the reserve from any trail. Visit www.olivenhain.com/photo for official contest rules and to upload your entries.

Winners are eligible for prizes donated by local businesses such as dinner donated by Jake's Del Mar, a photo workshop package donated by the San Diego Zoo, a 24" x 36" canvas print donated by PC Photo & Imaging, outdoor equipment donated by REI, and a \$100 cash prize donated by the Escondido Creek Conservancy. Winning photos will be selected from five categories—Scenic View, Water Scenery, Plants, Animals, and Youth. There will also be a People's Choice Award, for which the winner will be selected in an online vote.

Important Notices

Planning a Summer Move?

OMWD would like to remind customers that are planning to move to contact us at least three days prior to moving out of their property in order to close the account. Please call 760-753-6466 or complete an online form at www.olivenhain.com/stop-service-form.



Customer-Account Numbers

Water account numbers changed in February 2016. Please be sure to update your records and online payment profiles to ensure payments are accurately applied to your OMWD account. Visit www.olivenhain.com/serveyoubetter for details on fees, payment terms, and rules governing customer accounts.

