

## Consumer Confidence Report Now Available

State and federal law require that we share our water quality data with you every year in a detailed Consumer Confidence Report. As always, OMWD is proud and excited to share this information with our customers. **Once again, we have met or exceeded all state and federal water quality standards for your drinking water.** We firmly believe you have a right to know the sources of your water and what is in the water you drink, which is why OMWD conveniently posts our Consumer Confidence Report online at [www.olivenhain.com/CCR](http://www.olivenhain.com/CCR). Please call 760-632-4213 or stop by our offices located at 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, 92024 to obtain a hard copy.



## Summer Savings

### Save Water and Money with These Free Programs

#### Water Use Evaluation

Do you have questions on programming your irrigation timer, using your water meter to check for leaks, or making your landscape water-smart? OMWD encourages customers to utilize our free water use evaluation service. Through this service, a certified landscape auditor will visit your property, provide suggestions and guidance on how to improve water use efficiency, and develop an irrigation schedule specifically for your landscape. Visit [www.olivenhain.com/evaluation](http://www.olivenhain.com/evaluation) for more information.

#### Rebates

OMWD also reminds its customers that our regional wholesaler, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, offers rebates for a number of water-efficient home appliances and water conservation equipment. For more information on these rebate programs, visit [www.olivenhain.com/rebates](http://www.olivenhain.com/rebates).

*Improve landscape irrigation efficiency by scheduling a free water use evaluation.*





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### 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.

## Water Supply Outlook Improves; State Board Adjusts Drought Regulations

The State of California is making changes to water use and conservation regulations this month. Look for an insert in your June 30 bill that outlines what these changes are and how they affect you and your water use.

## Clearing the FOG

### Oil and Water Do Not Mix

Fats, oils, and grease (or FOG) poured down a drain can clog municipal sewer pipes creating blockages that lead to backups and spills. This common practice could be doing damage to internal plumbing at your house or on your property.

To prevent damage to your pipes, flooding in your home, and problems at your local wastewater plant, use a can or other container to collect fats, oils, and grease instead of pouring them down the sink or toilets.

### Additional FOG Prevention Tips

- Scrape grease material and food scraps from all cookware and dishware into a can or the trash for disposal.
- Use strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain strainers into the trash for disposal.
- Don't put grease or greasy food in your home garbage disposal. These units only shred solid material into smaller pieces and do not prevent grease from going down the drain.
- Wipe cookware and dishware prior to washing. Don't rely on commercial additives in detergents to dissolve grease—they may just pass it down the line and cause problems in other areas.
- Talk with your friends and neighbors about the grease problem so that the community is aware of the risk.



*Fats, oils, and grease help to clog municipal sewer pipes creating blockages that can lead to backups and spills.*



## Recognition and Honors

In April, OMWD congratulated our own Dominic “Bruno” Brunozzi, who was recognized by the California Water Environment Association as the state’s Mechanical Technician of the Year. Mr. Brunozzi was selected from a group of 16 other technicians across California. The award was presented in recognition of Mr. Brunozzi’s outstanding contribution to wastewater plant and system maintenance, the development of equipment and significant process modifications to provide for more efficient work flow, and special efforts in the training of OMWD operators.

Two OMWD recycled water projects also earned accolades this spring. The American Public Works Association’s San Diego and Imperial Counties Chapter recognized OMWD’s 4S Ranch Wet Weather Storage Pond Relining Project and Recycled Water Fill Station with 2016 Honor Awards.

The pond is designed to store treated recycled water produced at the 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility. This relining project will prevent water loss for the next twenty years, protecting the investment in alternate water sources made by OMWD ratepayers.



*Dominic “Bruno” Brunozzi named as state’s Mechanical Technician of the Year.*



OMWD constructed the 4S Ranch Residential Recycled Water Fill Station to assist customers during the drought emergency declared by Governor Brown by providing free recycled water for landscape irrigation. Recycled water, as a renewable and locally produced water source, is not subject to water use restrictions. Residents in the project’s area—whose comments and concerns were incorporated into the project’s final plans—now benefit from a convenient way to supplement their outdoor watering needs.

*The 4S Ranch Residential Recycled Water Fill Station is 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.*

## Local Students Create Water Smart Art

Every year, OMWD takes delight in recognizing young students for their efforts promoting efficient water use. Our annual poster contest allows fourth graders attending schools in our service area to submit posters recognizing the importance of water in their everyday lives.

The winners of this year’s “Be Water Smart” Fourth Grade Poster Contest were Seo Hyun from Stone Ranch Elementary, Angel Lu from Stone Ranch Elementary, and Ethan Huntington from El Camino Creek Elementary. Congratulations to our winning artists!



*Seo Hyun’s first place entry*



*Angel Lu’s second place entry*



*Ethan Huntington’s third place entry*

## California-Friendly Landscape: More Beauty with Less Water

The California-Friendly Landscape Contest is held annually by water agencies throughout San Diego County to showcase attractive landscapes that use less water than conventional turf-heavy landscapes. Contest entries are judged on curb appeal, plant selection, design, irrigation, and environmental considerations.

OMWD has recognized Claudia Kuepper of Carlsbad as this year's contest winner. Ms. Kuepper has lived in her La Costa Oaks home since 2006 and recently renovated her landscape to reduce water demands. In June 2015, she removed 1,200 square feet of turf, converted to drip irrigation, and installed a rain catchment system. One year later, she enjoys up to 50 percent savings on her water bills, as well as the bees, birds, and butterflies that are constant visitors in her garden.

Photos of Ms. Kuepper's award-winning landscape, as well as other winning landscapes from throughout the county, are available at [www.landscapecontest.com](http://www.landscapecontest.com).



*Claudia Kuepper's award-winning Carlsbad landscape*

## Where Does Your Water Come From?

Are you interested in learning about how water is treated before delivery to your home, or how wastewater is recycled for irrigation purposes? Enjoy a free tour of OMWD facilities on July 14, with stops at the David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant, the 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility, and the Elfin Forest Interpretive Center Honoring Susan J. Varty. For more details or to register, please visit [www.olivenhain.com/tour](http://www.olivenhain.com/tour).