

## Your Water Supply Remains Safe!

The safety of OMWD customers and their water supply continues to be our top priority. You can have confidence that the coronavirus has no impact on the quality or supply of your tap water.

The health of our staff is critical to ensuring high-quality water, wastewater, recycled water, and recreational services for our customers. Safety measures are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among our employees, including daily temperature reads and separation of work crews. We stand ready to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead.

OMWD also takes an active role in advocating for the need of further coronavirus-related legislation and pandemic relief funding. More assistance is needed to provide meaningful relief assistance to the many Americans impacted by this pandemic.

For more information about coronavirus and the safety of your water supply, visit [www.olivenhain.com/covid19information](http://www.olivenhain.com/covid19information).

Additionally, because water is such a vital resource, OMWD has a robust cybersecurity program in place that not only protects our customers' privacy, but also keeps our infrastructure safe. Our staff continuously receives training based on the latest cybersecurity information, and operators are on duty 24/7 to ensure the safe operation of water facilities.



## Partnering with City of Encinitas to Save Money, Completion of Major Pipeline Replacement Project is Around the Corner

OMWD is proactive in repairing and replacing aging water infrastructure to prevent water main breaks and ensure reliable service to your property.

Since spring of last year, OMWD has been hard at work on the El Camino Real Potable Water Pipeline Replacement and Green Bike Lane Striping Project, through which we replaced two aging distribution mains located beneath El Camino Real in Encinitas. These mains were originally installed in 1961 and 1974 and were approaching the end of their lifespan. In February 2021, OMWD completed the replacement of 5,350 linear feet of 12-inch diameter pipeline between Encinitas Boulevard and Garden View Road.

Subsequently, the City of Encinitas has begun implementing



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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 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.

## Pipeline Replacement Project

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traffic calming measures along El Camino Real from Encinitas Boulevard to Leucadia Boulevard. Measures include restriping and narrowing current travel lanes, which improves bicyclists' safety and mobility by adding buffers with reflective and re-erectable bollards to existing bike lanes. The interagency cooperation on this effort minimized expenses and the duration of traffic impacts to El Camino Real.

Likewise, OMWD implemented a city-approved traffic management plan during construction, and completed much of the work at night to minimize traffic impacts. OMWD also took steps to reduce the impact of the project on residents and businesses along North El Camino Real, such as reducing noise and lights during night construction.

We appreciate the patience of residents and businesses along El Camino Real as we complete this important investment in our community's infrastructure. We look forward to continuing to provide our customers with reliable water service through these new pipelines for decades to come.

## More Ways

Because Southern California is never more than one dry year away from the next drought, OMWD offers numerous programs to improve water use efficiency and promote conservation as a way of life.

Residents and businesses within OMWD's service area are eligible for many incentives designed to make it easier to upgrade to water-efficient devices and landscapes. Save water and money by applying for one of several available rebates at [www.socalwatersmart.com](http://www.socalwatersmart.com).

### Landscape Transformation Program

Since landscape irrigation accounts for over half of a typical household's water consumption, your yard is one of the most effective places to focus on to reduce water use. Studies indicate that California Friendly™ landscapes use 83 percent less water than traditional turf landscapes,

and require 68 percent less maintenance. You could receive up to \$3 per square foot for replacing turf areas with a sustainable landscape.



### Rain Barrels and Cisterns

You may wonder if it rains enough locally to justify purchasing a rain barrel or cistern, but just a half-inch of rainfall on a 1,000 square foot roof can collect 300 gallons of water. Why not capture that water to use in your garden? OMWD and Solana Center for Environmental Innovation have partnered to offer discounted rain barrels to OMWD residents until April 15. Order yours today at [www.solanacenter.org/purchase-rain-barrel](http://www.solanacenter.org/purchase-rain-barrel).



## Show Off Your WaterSmart Landscape!

Enter our 2021 WaterSmart Landscape Contest for a chance to win a \$250 prize! Highlight your beautiful, water-efficient yard, while inspiring others to make water-wise changes at their homes. The deadline to enter is May 14.

Visit [www.landscapecontest.com](http://www.landscapecontest.com) for details.



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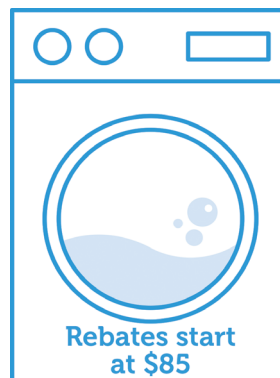
### Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers

A new generation of irrigation controllers automatically adjust your irrigation system's run times based on the weather and your plants' watering needs. The average household can save about 7,600 gallons of water annually by upgrading from a standard clock timer to a weather-based controller. Rebates start at \$80 per controller, or \$35 per station for landscapes over one acre.



### Washing Machines

About 15 percent of indoor water use goes toward laundry. Replacing your standard washing machine with a high-efficiency clothes washer saves about 11,000 gallons each year. As a bonus, high-efficiency clothes washers also use less energy to heat water, reducing both your water and energy bills. Rebates start at \$85.



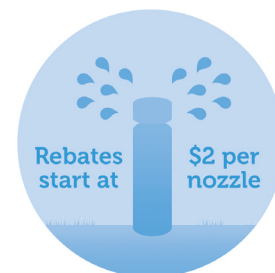
### Toilets

Toilet flushing accounts for the largest percentage of indoor water use – about 30 percent. Premium high-efficiency toilets use about 20 percent less water than standard toilets, but can work just as well, if not better. Rebates start at \$40.



### Sprinkler Nozzles

Rotating sprinkler nozzles use up to 20 percent less water than conventional spray heads. Plants still receive the water they need to thrive, but nozzles use less water through a slower, more uniform distribution and resistance to misting, wind drift, and runoff. Rebates start at \$2 per nozzle for a minimum of 30 nozzles.





## Board to Honor Outgoing Director Ed Sprague and Appoint Replacement



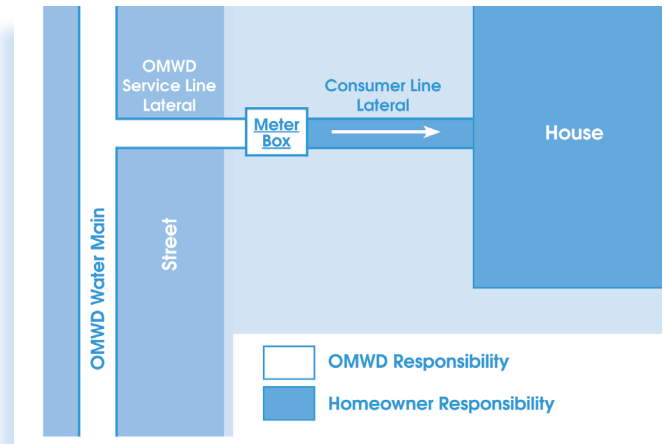
At its May 19 meeting, OMWD's Board of Directors will honor outgoing Division 5 Director Ed Sprague for his 13 years of service on the board.

Mr. Sprague has announced that he will be retiring from the board on May 19, 2021. The board will conduct interviews at the May 19 meeting for a new director to represent Division 5 through 2022.

Individuals interested in completing the unexpired portion of the Division 5 directorship shall submit a completed application package to OMWD's General Manager no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 30. Candidates must reside in OMWD's Division 5. Applications, a map of Division 5, and additional information about the appointment process are available at [www.olivenhain.com/division5](http://www.olivenhain.com/division5).

### Did You Know?

Did you know that the pipelines connecting customer properties to OMWD water mains are called service laterals? Customers should be aware that they are responsible for maintaining the private portions of their water service lateral that is on the customer's side of the water meter. Repairs to the lateral are not typically covered under home insurance policies; ask your insurer for details.



### Is it Time to Check Your Pressure Regulator?

You may wonder why agencies build water reservoirs on the top of hills. Using gravity to feed water to homes and businesses reduces energy costs, which ultimately impact water rates. The many hills and valleys of our service area aid in the delivery of a safe, reliable water supply, but steep hills can create high pressure as elevation changes directly correlate to an area's water pressure.



In addition, to provide adequate water pressure for fire protection to all service connections in an area, water from the main line can come through the meter in some locations at a pressure that is higher than ideal for home appliances. For this reason, homes and businesses should have a properly functioning pressure regulator in order to maintain ideal water pressure coming into their property, protecting appliances and private water lines. Pressure-regulating devices are also available for irrigation systems to reduce water waste from misting, evaporation, and wind drift.

Pressure regulators have a limited lifespan and require periodic evaluation and maintenance. The purchase and maintenance of pressure regulators are the responsibility of the property owner.

Learn more at [www.olivenhain.com/meter](http://www.olivenhain.com/meter).