

Long-Term Water Use Targets on the Horizon

On May 31, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 606 and Assembly Bill 1668, which will establish statewide, long-term water use reduction targets throughout California over the next three-year period.

The legislation will result in a state-mandated water use target that dictates the amount of water OMWD will be allowed to sell. The state will base the water use target on residential indoor and outdoor efficiency standards that are to be developed by 2022, as well as distribution system water loss. Commercial, industrial, and institutional water use standards will also be established and incorporated into the target and

may require separate irrigation meters if cost effective. The indoor standard has been set at 55 gallons per person per day, dropping to 50 by 2030. For reference, a typical bathtub uses 70 gallons per fill.

OMWD has advocated for its ratepayers during this legislative process, maintaining that local agency control of water targets that correlate to available supply is more effective than a one-size-fits-all approach to resource management. In order to promote fair and reasonable policies during the development of implementation standards, OMWD will continue to work closely with state agencies.



August 18: Join Us at Our Annual 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility Open House

Don't miss an opportunity to see how OMWD produces recycled water by attending the 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility Open House. Join us on Saturday, August 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for this fun, family event featuring behind-the-scenes tours, a water-efficiency workshop, free giveaways and snacks, and activities for children. Tours will begin at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. and the workshop will begin at 10:00 a.m. Our facility is located at 16595 Dove Canyon Road in San Diego. Find out more at www.olivenhain.com/events.





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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 regula-
tory 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, educa-
tional, 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.

Carlsbad Residents Win WaterSmart Landscape Contest



The WaterSmart Landscape Contest is held annually by water agencies throughout San Diego County to showcase attractive landscapes designed with efficient water use in mind. Winning entries exhibit excellence in curb appeal, climate-appropriate plant selection, design, efficient irrigation, and environmental considerations.

OMWD recognized David and Munira Coomber of Carlsbad as this year's contest winners. The Coomers designed their attractive, low maintenance, and low water use landscape in 2015. Their front yard features a variety of textures and vibrant colors including a beautiful succulent fountain centerpiece. In the backyard, they have created a functional and inviting outdoor space. Raised garden beds and a vertical succulent wall create the atmosphere of an outdoor living room with stunning views. David and Munira enjoy the many benefits of their water-efficient landscape, especially its visual appeal and lower monthly water bills.

Photos of the Coomers' award-winning landscape, as well as other winning landscapes from throughout the county, are available at www.landscapecontest.com.



August 28: WaterSmart Landscape Design

Fall is an ideal time to make changes to your landscape. Cooler temperatures and short, bright days help newly transplanted vegetation establish themselves with a healthy root system.

If you would like to make your landscape more water-efficient, sign up for our free WaterSmart Landscape Design Workshop on August 28 at the Encinitas Community Center. This free three-hour workshop will discuss how to transform your turf area into a sustainable landscape with plants and trees that thrive in our Mediterranean climate. Gain the knowledge and tools necessary to create professional-quality landscape and irrigation designs ready for installation. To register or learn more about the workshop, please visit www.olivenhain.com/events.



New Landscape Transformation Rebate Available!

Receive \$2.75 per square foot of turf removed

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California launched a new landscape transformation rebate in July. Rebates of up to \$2.75 per square foot of turf removed are available for both residential and commercial customers, for up to 1,500 square feet and 10,000 square feet respectively.

Program criteria include a landscape plan, an efficient irrigation system, rainwater capture, mulch, and a minimum planting area requirement. This rebate program does not allow for the use of synthetic turf and is available on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted. Learn about additional program requirements and application procedures at www.socalwatersmart.com.



Don't Let Higher Temperatures Unnecessarily Lead to Higher Water Consumption

In hot, summer months, irrigation needs can double compared to winter months. Most of a typical customer's water use goes toward irrigation, and increased irrigation times can result in larger than expected water bills. Be sure to speak with your landscape contractor about the amount of water used to keep your yard green.

If you have an automated irrigation system, it is wise to check the valves and timer periodically to be sure the system is functioning properly. If a sprinkler valve sticks on, it has the potential of wasting a substantial amount of water. It is also wise to check for broken sprinkler heads or leaks in your irrigation system.

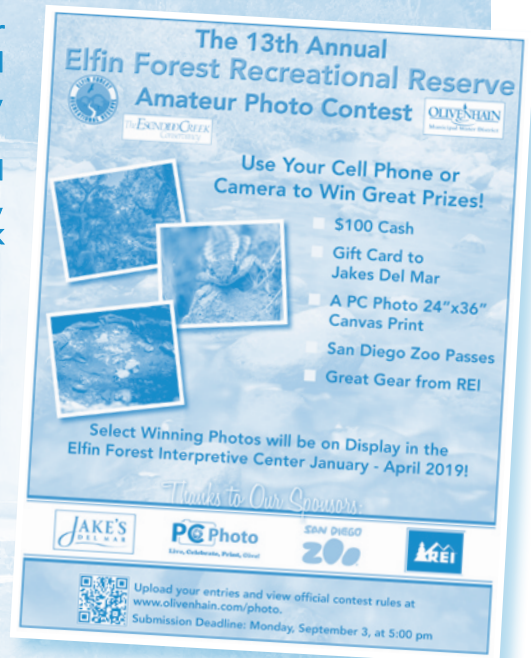
OMWD encourages customers to use our free water use evaluation service to answer questions on monitoring monthly water usage, programming your irrigation timer, using your water meter to check for leaks, or making your landscape water-smart. Visit www.olivenhain.com/evaluation for more information.

Also, keep in mind that OMWD water bills reflect usage from almost two months ago (e.g., the July 31 statement includes usage from June). An unusual spike in usage could be from two months ago when you refilled a pool or before you repaired a leak.

Deadline Approaches for Thirteenth Annual Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve Photo Contest

There is still time before the September 3 deadline for amateur photographers of all ages to submit entries in our Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve's photo contest. 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 Jake's Del Mar, the San Diego Zoo, PC Photo and Imaging, REI, and The Escondido Creek Conservancy.



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TWO GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO CAPTURE PHOTOS
while exploring EFRR occur on the first Saturday and second
Sunday of every month.

iNaturalist

Join us for a hike with fellow citizen scientists as we use the iNaturalist phone application to identify plants, wildlife, animal tracks, and more with the snap of a photo. Your photos help biologists, scientists, and curators document species all over the world. Hikes take place on the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Interpretive Nature Walk

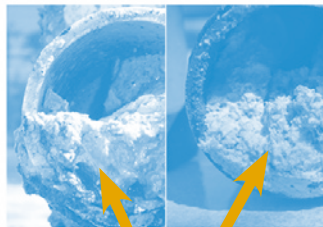
Join writer and artist Donna Walker on the second Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m. for a free interpretive nature walk! Enhance your appreciation of EFRR's watershed community of native plants and wildlife, and learn about the history and culture of the indigenous people who lived in this area during prehistoric times.



Prevent Backups by Keeping Your Drains FOG Free

FOG, or **fats**, **oils**, and **grease**, is a leading cause of sewer backups, which create health hazards, can result in expensive property damage, and threaten the environment. **FOG** occurs when cooking fats are poured down the drain and coat the inside of pipes, eventually forming a blockage.

Prevent backups by storing cooled fats, oils, and grease in a grease disposal bag or lidded container and disposing of it in the garbage. Minimize the use of your garbage disposal and scrape food scraps from dishes and pans into the trash before washing.



FOG



GO GREEN!

eBills make it easy to receive your monthly water bill in your email inbox. Sign up for eBills to receive your bill by email the same day paper bills are mailed. Newsletters that accompany bills are also available online. Sign up today at www.olivenhain.com/ebill.

