Did you know?

More than 3.1 million square feet of grass has been converted to desert-friendly landscaping through CVWD’s landscape rebate program that began in 2009. This figure includes residential, commercial and HOA conversions.

Water Trivia

The first water pipes in the US were made from wood (bored logs that were charred with fire), according to www.epa.gov. Today, the Florida Water Environmental Association estimates that there are about one million miles of water pipeline and aqueducts in the US and Canada, enough to circle the earth 40 times.

CVWD Events

CVWD is hosting landscape workshops on Nov. 5 and Dec. 10. Visit www.cvwd.org for more information.

Californians to consider $7.5 billion water bond on November ballot

California voters will consider a $7.5 billion water bond this November following bipartisan action by the Legislature and Gov. Jerry Brown in August.

The compromise measure, which will appear as Proposition 1 on the November ballot, was five years in the making and represents a refocused, downsized replacement for the $11.14 billion water bond previously set for the ballot.

Titled the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, the new bond measure provides targeted funding for the following areas:

- **Regional Water Reliability:** $810 million. Proposition 1 funds programs such as water conservation and stormwater capture that increase local and regional water supplies and also serve other purposes, such as creating habitat and flood protection.

- **Water Storage Capacity:** $2.7 billion. Proposition 1 funds a share of new water storage projects to add flexibility to our water system and create more places to store water in wet times for use later.

- **Water Recycling:** $725 million. Proposition 1 funds water recycling and salt-removal projects to reuse water and maximize supplies.

- **Groundwater Sustainability:** $900 million. Proposition 1 funds protection and cleanup of groundwater basins, and helps local agencies develop and implement groundwater sustainability plans required under new state legislation.

- **Safe Drinking Water:** $520 million. Proposition 1 funds safe drinking water and clean water programs, particularly for disadvantaged communities.

- **Watersheds and Flood Management:** $1.89 billion. Proposition 1 funds habitat and watershed programs, enhancements for rivers and creeks, watersheds in designated areas, state commitments to restoration and statewide flood management.

Gov. Brown, lawmakers and supporters of the bond view it as a critical funding component for a comprehensive, statewide water plan for California.

“The current drought has underscored the fact that we need a comprehensive, statewide water plan to create a more resilient water system and meet the goals of improved water supply reliability and ecosystem health,” said CVWD General Manager Jim Barrett. “If approved by voters, Proposition 1 will advance such a plan by funding programs and projects throughout the state to help combat drought and secure our water future.”

Coachella Valley Water District Board of Directors approved a resolution in support of Proposition 1 at a Sept. 9 public board meeting. The bond is also supported by a diverse array of interest groups, including organizations representing water, agriculture, the conservation community, labor and business. The measure also was unanimously supported by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Board of Directors on Aug. 19.

More information on Proposition 1 is available on ACWA’s website at www.acwa.com.
Help keep your community's water systems clean

Everything CVWD customers flush down their toilets and rinse down drains travels to a wastewater treatment plant and, in some cases, is recycled and sent to golf courses for irrigation use.

Limiting what you put down the drain is the easiest way to help keep our water system clean. Ways to help are listed below:

- **Keep medicines our of the water system.** Dispose of unused prescription and over-the-counter medications at a household hazardous waste collection site. Or, throw them in the trash mixed with coffee grounds, kitty litter or in a sealed container.

- **Keep fats, oils and grease out of your pipes.** Never put grease down sink drains or garbage disposals. Improperly disposed fats, oils and grease are a common cause of sewer overflows and backups.

- **Scrape hardened grease into the trash can for proper disposal.** Accumulated grease in pipes can also cause expensive damage to wastewater facilities.

Plants don't need much water during fall & winter season

As nighttime temperatures begin to cool, gradually reduce watering times to avoid wasting water. Plants and grass do not need much water during the fall and winter season. By reducing watering times you can save significant amount of water and money.

For example, in October, grass only requires about seven minutes per day. Likewise in November, only four minutes per day is recommended. If your soil does not absorb water quickly, try dividing watering times into multiple sessions. This will allow the soil to efficiently absorb the water and reduce run-off. Visit [www.cvwd.org/conservation/wateringguide.php](http://www.cvwd.org/conservation/wateringguide.php) to download a Drought Watering Guide.

Save paper with e-bill notification

Save paper and help preserve our environment by enrolling in our electronic bill notification program. CVWD will notify you by e-mail when your new bill is available online.

Visit CVWD’s homepage at [www.cvwd.org](http://www.cvwd.org) and click on Manage My Account under the Customer Service menu.

Create an account to pay your bill online, receive e-bill notification, review past bills and water use history. It's that simple!

Mandatory water use restrictions are in effect

**Residential restrictions are listed below:**

- Irrigate outdoor landscaping only after sunset and before 10 a.m., except when overseeding.

- Use the CVWD drought watering guide, which can be found at [www.cvwd.org/conservation/wateringguide.php](http://www.cvwd.org/conservation/wateringguide.php).

- Repair broken sprinklers within 24 hours of notification.

- Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle when washing your vehicle or windows.

- Fix irrigation systems that cause water runoff. Do not apply water to hard surfaces such as streets, sidewalks and driveways.

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Board Meetings

Board meetings are generally held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings to learn more about the water district. Meetings alternate between the district’s Palm Desert and Coachella offices. Meeting agendas are posted online three business days prior to a meeting and include the time and location.

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