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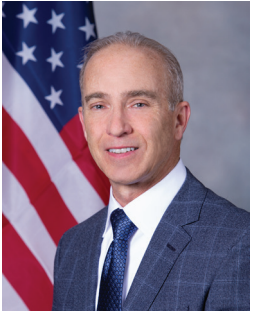
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The Water Drop

ELK GROVE WATER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Do we have your most up to date contact information? Contact Customer Service at 916-685-3556 to add or make changes to your contact information.

Message From the General Manager



With the holiday season right around the corner, it is a perfect time to take a step back and recognize the people I appreciate as the General Manager of the Elk Grove Water District (District). First and foremost, I want to recognize and thank you, our customers, who support the hard work that the water district does. It is our job to ensure that we always provide safe drinking water and fire protection to your homes and businesses. It is a job we take seriously, and it is only possible with the support of our customers. Secondly, I want to recognize and thank the District's staff who are highly skilled at what they do and go the extra distance to make sure our customers' needs are met. Our employees take pride in their work and providing excellent customer service is at the top of our lists. Finally, and importantly, I want to recognize and thank the board members and associate board members who generously devote their time to the District. Our board members, who do not get paid for their service, govern the District to high standards and with full transparency. As the General Manager, I work closely with all three groups, and it is a privilege to do so.

Turning the page, now that the Sacramento region is no longer in a drought, the District is planning to perform a unidirectional flushing (UDF) program beginning in January 2024. UDF is where sections of water main pipe are flushed at a high flow rate of water to scour out any sediment that has accumulated over time in the pipes. The water is flushed through fire hydrants and into the streets' gutter pans. Flushing requires quite a bit of water, and it is not something we do during a drought. Flushing, however, is an important part of maintaining a water distribution system. The UDF program will occur in Service Area 1. Service Area 1 is the older part of town and as a result, has older water main pipes. Service Area 1 is located west of Waterman Rd. UDF can temporarily degrade water quality. Prior to coming into your neighborhood to perform UDF, we will provide plenty of advanced notice and information on what to do if you notice degraded water quality at your taps. Stay tuned...

Finally, I want to publicize that the District received its fourteenth consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). GFOA is the leading public finance organization in North America. Their mission is to advance excellence in public finance. Receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting means the District has gone beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles in preparing annual comprehensive financial reports. It is an acknowledgement that the District's financial reports are transparent and contain full disclosures. Congratulations to our Finance Department on this special achievement!

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

B. M. Lewis

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Visit our website or give our office a call to set up a recurring credit card payment. Upon completion of setup, it will take one billing cycle to take effect. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (916) 685-3556.



Upcoming Regular Board Meetings

Florin Resource Conservation District regular board meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month. The board meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Location information can be found on Elk Grove Water District's website (www.egwd.org) every month. *November and December regular board meetings have been combined into a special meeting on December 12th.

December 12*
January 16
February 20
March 19

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Tips for Preparing your Yard for Fall & Winter



Winter is arriving soon and it's time to take the necessary steps to make sure your lawn is prepped for whatever the season may bring. With a few simple actions, you can not only make sure your lawn can endure the harsh weather of winter, but that it will also reap some serious benefits when spring comes back around

Some things to consider:

- Stop your usual watering schedule: Think watering your plants when the temperature dips will keep them healthier? Think again. Plants don't need as much water, as they stop growing as rapidly during the winter. So, soaking your soil when temperatures drop can rapidly kill your plant life.
- Aerate the soil to let in more good stuff: Aerating or breaking up the soil in your yard will ensure that oxygen, water, and nutrients are able to get to a plant's roots. It's most effective when done in fall when temperatures have dropped. You can rent a machine, use a pitchfork or even wear sandals equipped with long spikes.



- Add plenty of compost and mulch: Compost will enrich the soil with valuable nutrients, make clay and compacted soil more airy, and can help balance the soil's pH level. Then make sure to add a couple inches of mulch around your new plants. It's best to add the compost after you've aerated your lawn or plants to make sure it can be more easily absorbed.



- Leave some plants alone: While it's good to cut back some perennials, others can be left in place for winter interest. These include ornamental grasses and thick-stemmed plants such as Russian sage, taller sedums, and mums.



If you're looking for plant ideas perfect for our region, check out the plant guides at BeWaterSmart.info.



CA LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) in California is officially being extended through March 31, 2024. LIHWAP is a federally-funded program that offers one-time support to help low-income households pay past due or current residential water and sewer bills and keep their water on. Visit www.csd.ca.gov/WaterBill or call 916-567-5200 to find out if you qualify for help paying your current or past due water bills.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT *Aurelia Camilo*

Aurelia Camilo (Administrative Assistant II) has been with the District for seven years. Aurelia is proudly a new staff member in the Human Resources Department and has already begun taking on various Human Resource duties. She also assists every other department with administrative tasks. Aurelia has a very diverse skillset and is always willing to pitch in wherever needed. As valued as Aurelia is to the District, her most important role is a devoted wife and mother.