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| SPRING / SUMMER 2019

The Water Drop

ELK GROVE WATER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Message From the General Manager

I am proud to announce that the Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water District (District) received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

This marks ten years in a row that the District has earned the prestigious honor for financial reporting. The certificate was awarded by the national Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) after an impartial panel judged that the District's CAFR demonstrates a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" that clearly communicates financial information to motivate District customers to read the CAFR.



The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and this attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government agency and its management. To achieve ten consecutive years of this recognition is a testimony to the District's commitment to transparency and to providing the most comprehensive financial reporting for their customers.

According to GFOA, with over 2,300 special districts in California, only 28 have received this award ten times or more. Nationwide, only 182 special districts have met this same achievement.

Tom Nelson, the District's Board Chair, stated "We are so proud of this remarkable accomplishment. This truly demonstrates our financial discipline and our commitment to managing our customers' money wisely."

To read our CAFR please visit our website <https://www.egwd.org/financial-information/> or if you have any questions give us a call 916-685-3556. - **Mark Madison**

Upcoming Regular Board Meetings

Florin Resource Conservation District / Elk Grove Water District
Regular Board Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month
from 6:30 -9:00 pm at 9257 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA 95624

June 19
July 17
August 21
September 18

Take the Be Water Smart pledge!



CHECK THE SOIL AND SAVE
A MOISTURE METER TELLS YOU IF YOUR YARD NEEDS WATER

TO LEARN MORE VISIT BEWATERSMART.INFO OR SAVEOURWATER.COM



GO GREEN!
GO Paperless!



Sign up for paperless billing:

- Visit www.egwd.org
- Customers
- Pay Your Bill
- View Account

You can register for a new account or update your existing account with your email address. Please remember to include your email address when registering for the first time.

Water-Wise Tips for Summer

Summer is almost here, bringing with it hotter temperatures and typically an increase in outdoor water use. You can be water-wise and have a healthier, happier yard by using these techniques:

Check the Soil Moisture Level

Looks can be deceiving. The best way to tell if your plants need water is by checking the soil moisture level. You can get a complimentary soil moisture meter at the EGWD administrative offices, customers only, one per household while supplies last.

Cycle and Soak

It's not a way to make your whites brighter, but it will make your plants happier. For those with traditional, non-weather based sprinkler timers, cycle and soak is a method for applying water to your yard in three- to four-minute increments spaced an hour apart. Programming your sprinkler timer this way will allow the water to be better absorbed by the soil and reduce run off.

Here's how it works:

- Cycle: Run your sprinklers for three minutes or until you see runoff.
- Soak: Wait an hour.
- Check the soil moisture.
- Repeat, if needed, until moisture reaches the roots.
- Program your sprinkler timer to cycle and soak.

Water Early in the Morning

Make sure to set your sprinklers to run first thing in the morning to reduce water loss from evaporation.

Upgrade Your Sprinklers

Replacing your pop-up sprinklers with efficient rotator sprinklers can help you use 30 percent less water every time you turn on your sprinklers and have healthier plants. Rotator sprinklers deliver heavy droplets of water at a slower rate that is more easily absorbed by the soil. They make sure more water gets to your plants and less is lost to evaporation or run off.

Find more wise-watering tips for summer at www.bewatersmart.info

FREE! COMMUNITY CONSERVATION WORKSHOP SERIES

2019 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

All Classes
10am-12pm

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JUNE

Irrigation for Watersmart Yards

Instructors: ReScape California, <https://rescapeca.org/>

22
JUNE

Water Efficient Landscaping

Instructor: Green Acres Nursery



Elk Grove Community Garden

10025 Hampton Oak Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624

RSVP to sjones@egwd.org



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Cindy Robertson

Cindy Robertson, who was born and raised in Elk Grove will celebrate her five-year anniversary with the Elk Grove Water District (District) this year. Cindy obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in General Business from Hawaii Pacific University. She started at the District in 2014 as an Administrative Assistant II (Confidential) and in 2017 was promoted to Utility Billing Specialist. Prior to working at the District, Cindy worked as an Executive Assistant to a government contractor. One of her favorite job assignments was to help recruit employees/contractors for the Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Program which designed vehicles to protect our military. Recently, Cindy was recognized by her fellow employees for her outstanding work and helpfulness. A colleague stated, "Cindy is a great asset to the District, she's done a wonderful job this past year in her new role and has a great deal of knowledge. She's our go-to person in the office." When she's not at work, Cindy enjoys spending time with her family and stays active as an avid runner. The EGWD family is proud of Cindy's accomplishments and commitment; she embodies the core values of the Elk Grove Water District: Leadership, Caring, Integrity, Professionalism and Vision.

Capital Improvement Program Update

Just as your car requires regular attention to repair and maintenance, so too does the public water system from which you, the customer, receive safe, clean drinking water. The Elk Grove Water District (District) closely monitors and assesses the condition of its water system infrastructure for its customers. Each year in January, a team, consisting of key personnel from the Operations and Technical Services Divisions meets to review the District's Asset Management Plan which looks out over the next 100 years, and guides the District on how and when to repair and replace infrastructure. This planning tool drives the five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) the District develops each year. Key projects in the CIP are the continued replacement of old water mains located along the backyard fence lines. A water main replacement project on Elk Way was just completed last month. Starting in July, the District will begin replacing water mains on Mark St., Emily St., Barth St., Amethyst Way, and Garnet Court. For a complete list of capital improvement projects, visit our website at egwd.org.