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| FALL / WINTER 2019-2020

# The Water Drop

ELK GROVE WATER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

## Message From the General Manager

We are very proud to announce 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 our 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 the Florin Resource Conservation District/ Elk Grove Water District's CAFR, visit <https://www.egwd.org/financial-information/>

-Mark J. Madison

## Upcoming Regular Board Meetings

Florin Resource Conservation District regular board meetings will now be held every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30pm – 9:00pm at the Cosumnes Community Services District's board room (rear entrance) 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA 95624

November TBD  
December 17  
January 21  
February 18  
March 17

**NEW!**  
LOCATION  
& DATES

## ASK AN ENGINEER

In the peak of summer when ambient temperatures remain hot, occasionally a customer will inquire about why their water service is not as cold as usual. The District serves primarily groundwater to its customers. The groundwater is pumped from deep water wells. If this deep well water were pumped directly into your home, it would be cool, regardless of the outside temperature. However, in order to provide high quality water, the District treats its groundwater for iron and manganese, which can stain water fixtures and clothing. The District treats the groundwater in surface facilities, and then stores the water in large above-ground tanks before delivering it to its customers. During hot stretches of summer, prolonged high ambient temperatures will affect the water temperature in the tanks, and this is why our customers may experience water that is not as cold as normal.



You may contact Assistant General Manager Bruce Kamilos at [bkamilos@egwd.org](mailto:bkamilos@egwd.org) if you want to ask an engineer a question.

## CUSTOMER NOTICE Effective November 1, 2019:

The current charges on billing statements are due on the 19th of each month.

## NEW! Automated Payment Option

CALL (916) 249-8944

Available free of charge, 24/7.

Have your account # ready and follow prompts:

- Make a payment
- Check your account balance
- Check your water usage
- All major debit/ credit cards accepted





## FALL INTO A BEAUTIFUL WATER-WISE LANDSCAPE

*If you're looking for plant ideas perfect for our region, check out the plant guides at [BeWaterSmart.info](http://BeWaterSmart.info).*

Fall is the perfect time to update your landscape and add low-water use plants great for our climate. The soil still holds summer's warmth, which encourages root growth, but new plants don't require as much water because the days are getting cooler. When spring rolls around, your fall plantings will have established root systems and be ready to start their growth spurt and be better prepared for the heat of summer.

### Some Things to Consider:

Choose the right plant for the right space: Take into account how tall the plant or tree will grow to save you time in the future when it comes to pruning. Also make sure to group your plants according to their water and sunlight needs.

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.

Upgrade your sprinklers too: Consider adding drip irrigation to water your new plants, shrubs and trees, and installing high-efficiency rotator sprinklers for your lawn. They'll water your landscape more effectively and you'll have healthier plants.

### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

#### ***Tonia Williams***

Tonia Williams started working at the District in the fall of 2017 as a contracted temporary employee in the Customer Service Department. The District is pleased to announce that Tonia was hired as a regular full-time employee in July 2019. Throughout her tenure as a Customer Service Representative she has exuded positivity and always goes the extra mile to be helpful to both staff and customers. Tonia enjoys scrapbooking, volunteering with her church and spending time with her family. The District is proud of Tonia's commitment and accomplishments; she embodies the Core Values of the District, Leadership, Caring, Integrity, Professionalism and Vision.

### Capital Improvement Program Update

Construction related to this year's Capital Improvement Program is well underway. As reported previously, a key project for this year is replacing old 4-inch diameter water mains located along backyard fence lines. The project began on Elk Way where a new 8-inch diameter water main was installed in the street, and put into service in June. District crews are now finishing up the installation of a new 8-inch diameter water main on Mark Street. Once completed, District crews will move over to Emily St., followed by Barth St., Amethyst Way, and Garnet Ct. This project will improve water pressure to customers in the area, and provide better accessibility for District crews to maintain the water mains. Furthermore, this project will improve water flow deliveries for fire protection along these streets. For a complete list of capital improvement projects, visit our website at [egwd.org](http://egwd.org).