

## ***PURISSIMA PIPELINE***

### **FREE AERATORS**

The District has bathroom and kitchen aerators, and low flow shower heads available for pick up in our office. Faucet and shower aerators are an excellent way to reduce indoor water use, saving up to 20 gallons of water a day—and they are easy to install. Aerators restrict the flow of water through the faucet for instant conservation—how satisfying! Contact Alexis Shields for more information.

### **DETECT TOILET LEAKS**

Please stop by our office to pick up free toilet leak detection tablets. This is a quick and easy way to check for toilet leaks. Instructions are printed on the package.

### **REBATE PROGRAMS**

The Santa Clara Valley Water District has several substantial rebate programs to assist you in saving water, energy, and money! Please contact Alexis Shields for more information.

### **FREE LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP SERIES**

Landscape workshops are being offered by the Santa Clara Valley Water District. These free workshops will be held in the headquarters boardroom at 5750 Almaden Expressway in San Jose. Please call the Valley Water District directly at (408) 265-2607, ext. 2554, to reserve your space. These classes are very popular, so call today!

Saturday, March 1, 2008 9 to noon  
Designing a Water-Wise Garden

Saturday, March 8, 2008 9 to noon  
Gardening with Natives

Saturday, March 15, 2008 9 to noon  
Water Efficient Irrigation Design

Saturday, March 22, 2008 9 to noon  
Selecting Plants for a Water-Wise Garden

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing is scheduled for the proposed increase in water unit rates for institutional customers. On December 5, 2007, the District held a public hearing regarding proposed increases to numerous rates, fees, and charges, including the water unit rates for the District's residential and institutional customers. The Board considered implementing a tiered rate structure for institutional customers, instead of the single rate structure that has been in effect for many years. The District received a significant number of letters responding to the proposed water unit rates for institutional customers. At the conclusion of the December 5 public hearing, the Board adopted a resolution amending the District's Rate and Fee Schedule to increase the water unit rate for residential customers only, and deferred action on adjusting the water unit rate for institutional customers pending further analysis.

The Board has now determined to keep the water unit rate for institutional customers as a single rate structure but to increase it based on the revenue requirements of the District. The proposed water unit rate of \$3.75 for institutional customers meets the revenue requirements of the District as established in the *Institutional Water Unit Rate Study* while not exceeding the proportional cost of the service to the institutional customers. **The public hearing is scheduled for April 9, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Purissima Hills Water District office.**

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