

Purissima Pipeline

Drought

On June 5th, 2008, California's Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, declared a statewide drought. Although in early winter there was a significant snow pack in the Sierras, this season's precipitation ended earlier than usual leaving us, by the end of May, with a snow pack that was 67% of normal. Early heat waves have increased the overall water consumption stressing our water supply even more.

Here is a good reason why we need to reduce our water usage: the District is 40% over its allocation, and any mandatory reduction is deducted from the allocation alone. During non-drought times, we are allowed to purchase more water than allocated, but if mandatory water reduction is enforced, we will not only lose any water over our allocation, we will also lose whatever percentage is requested, say 20%, which could result in a total reduction up to 60%!

The **San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, from whom we purchase all our water, is once again requesting a voluntary 10% water reduction for the summer months**. We sincerely thank you for all of your efforts.

District Elections

The Purissima Hills Water District Board has three seats open for election this November. Candidate packets are available from the Registrar of Voters in San Jose and Declarations of Candidacy must be filed by August 8th, 2008. A person running for this office must be a resident of the Purissima Hills Water District and a registered voter. Please call our office if you need additional information.

Water Running Down the Street?

Very rarely is water wasted purposefully. Most likely, there is some kind of leak occurring and if the homeowner is not home, a lot of water can be lost. Please feel free to contact the office (24 hr) 650/ 948-1217 — even on a weekend — if you see excessive water running down the street; it could be a leak that we can shut off.

Did You Know?

The Santa Clara Valley Water District has several substantial rebate programs to assist you in saving water, energy, and money! There are also a few free programs.

Rebate and free programs include:

- ❖ Clothes Washer Rebate Program
- ❖ High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program
- ❖ Water Efficient Landscape Rebate Program
- ❖ Weather Based Irrigation Controller Program
- ❖ Water Wise House Call Program (free)
- ❖ Low Flow Showerheads and More (free)
- ❖ Irrigation Technical Assistance Program (free)
- ❖ Classes Open to the Public

When applying for rebates on toilets, washing machines, irrigation controllers/ hardware, or landscape turf replacement, be sure to contact the Purissima Hills Water District or the Santa Clara Valley Water District **before** you begin. A pre-installation report is required **prior** to any changes. Please contact Alexis Shields at 650/948-1217 or email ashields@purissimawater.org with any questions regarding rebates or water conservation in general.

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