

**BOARD APPOINTMENT** *The fifth Director of the Purissima Hills Water District will be appointed by the Board after December 10, 2008. If you wish to be considered for the position, please submit your letter of intent and qualifications by 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2008.*

**Electronic Payment System for Customer Payments** The Board of Directors discussed extensively, over several meetings, the feasibility of offering an electronic payment system to customers for paying water bills. After much consideration, the Board decided **not** to offer this service. It is not uncommon for a customer to have a large leak while away. The bill could be several thousand dollars and it would be negligent for the District to debit an account for such a large sum without the customer's knowledge. Electronic payment systems work best for payments that are the same amount each month, such as a mortgage or car payment. Approximately 25% of our customers currently use a bill pay service through online banking. Please consider this option. If you wish, you may call our Billing Manager to make arrangements if you will be away for an extended period of time. (The District does not accept credit card payments.)

### **Demonstration Garden**

The demonstration garden at our office is coming along nicely. The plants are marked with signs and a pamphlet providing information on our garden will soon be available. We have had very positive feedback on our garden. Please feel free to stop by, wander our pathways, and enjoy the garden! If you have any questions about the landscape, contact Alexis Shields. Alexis also has an A.S. in Environmental Horticulture, so plant questions are welcomed.

Our office is very pet friendly! Feel free to walk your dog in our garden and visit the office for treats. However, we do ask that you clean up after your dogs. Feel free to come into the office to ask for a baggie if you do not have one with you.

### **Time Change Signals Watering Schedule Change**

Now is the time to significantly reduce your watering schedule for your landscape. Although we are experiencing a warm spell, the amount of sun exposure is less and the weather is much cooler than the summer months. The Urban Farmer irrigation store has created a well rounded watering schedule that provides suggested watering times for turf, trees and shrubs, groundcovers, and more. This schedule also takes into account the different soil types. This guide comes as a PDF file so please email [ashields@purissimawater.org](mailto:ashields@purissimawater.org) for the link or feel free to stop by the office for a printed copy.

### **Rebates Rebates Rebates**

We want to be sure that all of you are in the "know" about these great rebates to assist you in conserving water! Below is a list of rebates offered through the Santa Clara Valley Water District:

- ❖ 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 (In District Office)
- ❖ 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](mailto:ashields@purissimawater.org) with any questions regarding rebates. **Please do not forget that we are facing drought! Do all that you can to conserve water.**