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### WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

As we move into February 2012, it is of some concern that the winter months so far have been mostly dry without much rainfall. The situation was dramatically different a year ago.

In the February 2011 issue of On Tap, the focus was primarily on the devastating effects of the December Storm Event of 2010. The rainstorms at that time created a significant level of damage and loss of property. Many local areas, both in the Canyon and on the Plano, had been severely impacted by the torrential downpour.



2010 Storm Damage - Line Break at the Trabuco Canyon Road Switchbacks

If there was a positive outcome of the 2010 storms, it was that reservoir supplies statewide were replenished. Shortly thereafter, Governor Brown formally ended the State's three-year drought status by proclamation in March 2011. It appeared that

California's water worries were behind us and this single storm event had effectively ended the drought.

But on January 3, 2012, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) published an article titled, *State's Snowpack Among Driest on Record for Date*. The article highlights that according to a survey conducted by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), "California's mountain snowpack is one of the driest on date... (and) the state's snowpack water content is just 19% of the January 3<sup>rd</sup> statewide average." It is important to note that California's snowpack provides approximately one-third of the water for all of the state's households, farms, and industries.

At this time, there is good reservoir storage carryover from 2011 and there are several months of winter ahead. State officials are cautiously optimistic about this year's water supply, and estimate that, "the State Water Project will be able to deliver 60% of the slightly more than 4 million acre feet of water requested by public water agencies."

Although the State's overall water forecast is positive, TCWD encourages its customers to continue water-wise use and practice conservation measures whenever possible. This practice can ensure there is enough water for all. If you are interested in learning more about California's Reservoir System, please go to the California Department of Water Resources Data Exchange Center website at [cdec.water.ca.gov](http://cdec.water.ca.gov). The reservoir levels are updated on a daily basis.

### TURF REMOVAL PROGRAM

TCWD has partnered with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MET) and the

Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) to bring District customers the Turf Removal Program (Program). Through this Program, residential and small commercial customers of participating retail water providers are eligible to receive an incentive of \$1.00 per square foot of turf removed for qualifying projects.

The goals of this Program are to increase water use efficiency within Orange County, reduce runoff leaving the properties, and evaluate the effectiveness of water-saving practices. Your participation in this Program is entirely voluntary. Be advised, funding is limited, and the application submittal deadline is May 25, 2012.

The Program offer is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. All submitted applications will be processed by MWDOC in the order received. Please visit the Program website at [www.mwdoc.com/services/turf-removal](http://www.mwdoc.com/services/turf-removal) for Program applications, terms and conditions.

### **PUBLIC INPUT REQUESTED**

The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is seeking public input on the update to the 2007 Orange County Regional Water and Wastewater Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan). The Plan identifies risks posed by natural and man-made disasters and ways to minimize damage before those disasters occur. It is currently being updated by MWDOC and 19 participating Orange County water and wastewater utilities, including TCWD.

In 2007, MWDOC and a coalition of water and wastewater utilities completed a planning effort to develop a hazard mitigation plan covering each participating jurisdiction. The Plan was funded through a FEMA grant and approved in 2007. Designed to meet the federal regulations set forth by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (which requires all local, county, tribal, and state governments to develop and maintain a multi-hazard mitigation plan for their respective jurisdictions), the Plan allows each participating jurisdiction to receive future hazard mitigation and public assistance funds. Every five years Hazard Mitigation Plans must be updated to maintain eligibility.

Public input is very important to the process, and residents are encouraged to actively participate in the

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update process. The 2007 Plan is available for review online at [www.mwdoc.com/weroc/Hazard-Mitigation](http://www.mwdoc.com/weroc/Hazard-Mitigation). Comments, questions, and general feedback can be submitted directly to MWDOC at [Khubbard@mwdoc.com](mailto:Khubbard@mwdoc.com).

Following the review process and incorporation of comments and suggestions, the Plan will be presented for approval to each participating utilities' governing boards, Council, the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

### **WATER AWARENESS MONTH**

Every year, the month of May is Water Awareness Month. TCWD will keep you informed through upcoming issues of On Tap concerning the planned activities for 2012's celebration.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The Regular Board of Directors Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the District's office located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon. The public is encouraged to attend.

### **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board Meeting was held on January 18, 2011, and the following items are highlights from the Meeting:

- Adoption of Resolution No. 2012-1164 Treasurer's Annual Statement of Investment Policy
- Adoption of Ordinance No. 2012-19 Regulations for the Discharge of Wastewater to Sewerage Facilities of TCWD and Related Enforcement Response Plan
- Status Update Relating to Baker Regional Water Treatment Facility
- Status Update Relating to Alternate Raw Water Transmission Line
- Status Report Relating to Dove Reservoir to Trabuco Highlands Intertie and Trabuco Highlands Pressure Reducing Stations Projects