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WATER AWARENESS MONTH

In observance of Water Awareness Month, TCWD will hold an Open House Event at the District Administration Facility on **Saturday, May 31st**, from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. TCWD has sponsored past Open House events at the Trabuco Creek Well Facility, and has conducted tours of other District Facilities in its service area. The theme for the event this year is the impact of the Statewide Drought.

This annual family-friendly event will have:

- Water Use Efficiency Strategies for your Home Landscape & Rebate Information
- Opportunities to learn about Drought Tolerant Landscapes
- Hands-on Water Presentations
- District Facility Exhibits and Interactive Displays
- Family Photo Opportunities
- Food and Refreshments!

For those who are interested in attending this year's event, please join the TCWD Board of Directors and staff at the District Administration Facility located in the Dove Canyon Shopping Center at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive. Save the date, and we look forward to seeing you there!

WATER RELIABILITY & EMERGENCY STORAGE FEE RATE MODIFICATION

The WRESF became effective January 1, 2010, and is a monthly meter-based charge structured to finance the costs of the following major District capital projects: (1) Baker Water Treatment Plant (Baker WTP); (2) Trabuco Creek Wells Facility; (3) Construction of a 2 Million Gallon Domestic Water Reservoir & Distribution Improvements for a total budget of \$11.93 million.

At this time, the District has completed the Trabuco Creek Wells Facility which has already produced approximately 200 million gallons of water! The Baker Water Treatment Plant (Baker WTP) provides the District access to approximately a month-long supply of water from Irvine Lake, and is currently under construction with a final completion date of 2016. The construction of a 2 Million Gallon Domestic Water Reservoir is the sole outstanding facilities project for which costs have not yet been determined.

The monthly WRESF charge per meter was calculated as a stratified meter fee for a twenty year period, based on each customer's meter size and the anticipated demand each meter places on the District's water system. Majority of the District's residential customers have a 5/8" or 3/4" water



meter and the monthly fee is \$16.50. For residential customers with a 1" water meter or larger, the Board approved a new WRES Fee Rate Modification Process.

The new WRES Fee Rate Modification Process provides residential customers with water meters one-inch or larger, and who have demonstrated that they are conscientious water users, a process to apply to receive a modification in the District's Water Reliability and Emergency Storage (WRES) Meter Charge. If approved, the reduction would reduce the WRES charge on your utility bill to \$16.50 per month as long as certain conditions are met (\$16.50 is the WRES charge on residential 3/4 and 5/8 inch meters). In order to qualify for this reduction, your running monthly average usage for the past 12 to 24 months, as determined by the General Manager, must be less than, or equal to, 36 billing units. Certain other requirements and conditions may apply.

If you believe that you qualify for the WRES Fee Rate Modification, please feel free to complete an application, which is available on TCWD's website at www.tcwd.ca.gov. Once completed, please submit the application to the District's Customer Service Department via mail, drop off, fax, or email at customerservice@tcwd.ca.gov.

STATEWIDE WATER ACTION PLAN

At the March 19, 2014, Regular Board Meeting, the Board of Directors adopted a Resolution in support of the Association of California Water Agency's Statewide Water Action Plan (SWAP). ACWA's SWAP calls for the State to take a number of specific actions in order to improve the California's overall water supply reliability, presents a balanced set of recommendations for securing our water future, and outlines a path forward to improve water supply reliability and water quality throughout California. To learn more about ACWA's SWAP, please visit online at www.acwa.com/spotlight/SWAP.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following items are highlights or matters discussed at the March 19, 2014, Regular Board Meeting:

- Adoption of Resolution No. 2014-1196 – Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Trabuco Canyon Water District Supplementing Resolution No. 2009-1120 Providing for a Modification Process Applicable to the Water Reliability and Emergency Storage Meter Charges, Making Certain Findings and Taking Related Actions.
- Status update on District Website Upgrade Project.
- Activities for Water Awareness Month
- Discussion Concerning District Staffing and Succession Planning
- Discussion Concerning TCWD Customer Utility Bill Payment Options
- Discussion Concerning CalPERS Health Benefits and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)
- Discussion Concerning MWDOC Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget
- Status update on Baker Water Treatment Plant.
- Status update on Alternate Raw Water Transmission Line.
- Status update on the Shadow Rock Detention Basin Facility Project.
- Discussion concerning Statewide Drought Conditions.
- Adoption of Resolution No. 2014-1198 – Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Trabuco Canyon Water District in Support of the Association of California Water Agencies' State-wide Water Action Plan

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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