

Water Works

News Update

Riverview Water District

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Water works for you and so do we!

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Riverview Water District has restructured water rates to all customers from \$1.98 per unit to a Conservation Rate of 1.63 for the first 12 units, then a Base Rate of \$1.98 for units 13 to 40, then a Standard Rate of \$2.19 for units 41 and over. A frequently asked question is, how much water is a unit?

Conservation Water Rates

Customers who conserve will save \$ on their next water bill

One unit is 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons. In addition to restructuring the water rates, the pumping rates have also been restructured. In the past all customers living on level two paid \$8.60 for pumping regardless of how much water was pumped to their meter. Now level two customers will pay \$0.274 per unit of water pumped to their water meter. With the new restructured rates, using

last years usage, 84% of customers will save on their next water bill. In the past eight years, Riverview Water District has had only one increase in rates. This is the third decrease in rates during the same time period. In the last two years of newsletters, Riverview has taken pride in reporting the many ways expenses have been cut while still maintaining and increasing infrastructure costs. In two years, expenses have been cut by \$206,000 to reduce rates to our customers and Board members have saved the district \$15,990 in volunteer services. Riverview Water District received a Golden Watchdog Finalist Award for outstanding efforts as a fiscal conservative Water Board.

Infrastructure Funded Without Going into Debt

Infrastructure needs that previously challenged the District have been resolved. Infrastructure is being funding with the District's budget without going into debt. The District is currently funding a ½ million dollar replacement project of Sky Rim Reservoir through cost cutting efforts. The old tank was dismantled and



removed in February. A new 800,000 gallon tank is being installed at the site.

Construction will be complete in August. If you would like more details please contact Jeanne Swaringen, the General Manager at Riverview Water District.

Old tank on Sky Rim Dr. being removed

New tank coming soon

Board of Directors

Billie Sangster

Irvin Lynn

Joe Till

Bob Kleinschmidt

Patty Schwen

Young Artists at the 2003 Open House

Open house was held in May, *Water Awareness Month*. With attendance of approximately 150 people, open house was deemed a success. Thanks to Lakeside's Optimists Club for providing free lunch for all who attended. Thanks again to our local Sheriff Department, the Sheriff's race car was on display for kids to sit behind the wheel. Also thanks to the El Capitan Stadium Association for funding supplies and trophies for the youth of Lakeside. Thanks to Sarah Vincelett, San Diego County's 2003 Outstanding Teenager, for helping in the award ceremony. Out of the 154 posters that were submitted, 39 students of Lakeside's elementary and middle schools won trophies for their magnificent artwork in the annual *Water Awareness Month Poster Contest*. The first place winners of each category were;

K	Ivy Martin
1 st	Shyama LaChappa
2 nd	Delanie Gourley
3 rd	Ryan Klump
4 th	Travis Ferguson
5 th	Chelsea Coyle
6 th	Robin Senne
8 th	Teresa Winkler



New Billing Format

Bills are now sent to customers on a post card. This new billing format saves lots of valuable staff time by not stuffing envelopes and also saves money on postage. Your new bill also shows your current usage and your usage one year ago. If you require a return envelope for your payment please contact the District office for your supply of return envelopes.



Treatment Facility

Riverview Water District has successfully negotiated a multi-million dollar cleanup settlement with the State Department of Health Services (DHS) regarding MTBE (Methyl Tertiary-Butyl Ether) contamination of our groundwater by a gasoline spill. A treatment facility has been built at the wells of Riverview Water District. It consists of four aeration towers to remove MTBE from the ground water. Some expenses are being reimbursed by the State while others Riverview Water District must absorb. With the wells back online the District saves on expensive imported water.