

Water Works

News Update

Riverview Water District

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Water District Merger Means Lower Rates for Riverview Customers

Riverview and Lakeside Water Districts have agreed to merge. Padre Dam has acted as wholesaler to Riverview and Lakeside since 1976, which all districts agree is no longer cost effective. The boards voted unanimously after a financial analysis concluded that a merger of Riverview and Lakeside Water Districts would save customers more than \$400,000 per year in operating expenses.

The merger would include connecting to the recently expanded Helix Water District treatment plant. Helix now uses a method of

disinfection called ozonation rather than the traditional chlorination. Ozone is a much more effective disinfectant than chlorine and, unlike chlorine, does not produce harmful by-products. Ozonated water is also much better tasting than chlorinated water and has been used throughout the world to produce a higher quality drinking water.

In addition to water quality improvements, the wholesale price would be lower. Although new capital facilities would be required, Riverview would avoid almost one million dollars in costs by consolidating with Lakeside Water District, which is also detaching from Padre Dam, and connecting to Helix. Lakeside Water District would build one connection to the Helix Water District system to serve both districts rather than each district building their own. This will save Riverview customers hundreds of dollars each in capital costs by merging with Lakeside Water District.

**Riverview customers
would have better
water quality and a
20% rate cut.**

While Lakeside has the lowest rates in the county, Riverview, because of its small size, has among the highest. It is expected that water rates would be uniform in a combined district. Riverview's rates would be cut 20% or more once the merger is approved. The San Diego Local Agency

Formation Commission (LAFCO) is now reviewing the completed study and the merger is anticipated for the fall of this year.

After the merger, the combined districts will gain a seat on the County Water Authority board, giving the

Lakeside community a voice in decisions about water distribution in the County.

Until the next election two of the five members of the Riverview Board will serve on the five-member Lakeside board, creating a seven-member board. New division boundaries will be drawn up for the district, and it will revert to a five-member board in the 2006 general election.

Together, the detachment from Padre Dam and the merger with Lakeside would result in a significant improvement in water quality, and a substantial rate cut for Riverview ratepayers.

Public comments are welcome and can be submitted to: Riverview Water District, 11769 Waterhill Road, Lakeside, CA 92040, Phone; 619-561-1333, Email address; jsrwd@earthlink.net ; or Michael Ott, Lafco, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 452, San Diego, CA 92101, 619-531-5400, Email address: mike.ott@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Board of Directors: Billie Sangster, Irvin Lynn, Joe Till, Steve Johnson

Young Artists at the 2005 Open House

Riverview Water District's 7th annual open house was held in May, *Water Awareness Month*. This great community event took place on Saturday, May 14, 2005. The ceremonies began with President Sangster giving a short overview of Riverview's 89 years of service to the community. A clown was on hand to entertain the youngsters with face painting, balloon animals, and souvenirs were distributed. Special thanks to Lakeside's Optimists Club for providing free lunch for all who attended. Also thanks to the El Capitan Stadium Association for funding supplies and trophies for the youth of Lakeside. Out of the 145 posters that were submitted, 35 students of Lakeside's elementary and middle schools won trophies for their magnificent artwork in the annual *Water Awareness Month Poster Contest*. The top ten posters were also submitted to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California poster contest for the 2006 calendar. Thank you to our 29 artwork judges and all who participated in the 7th annual open house and poster contest.

The first place winners of each category were;

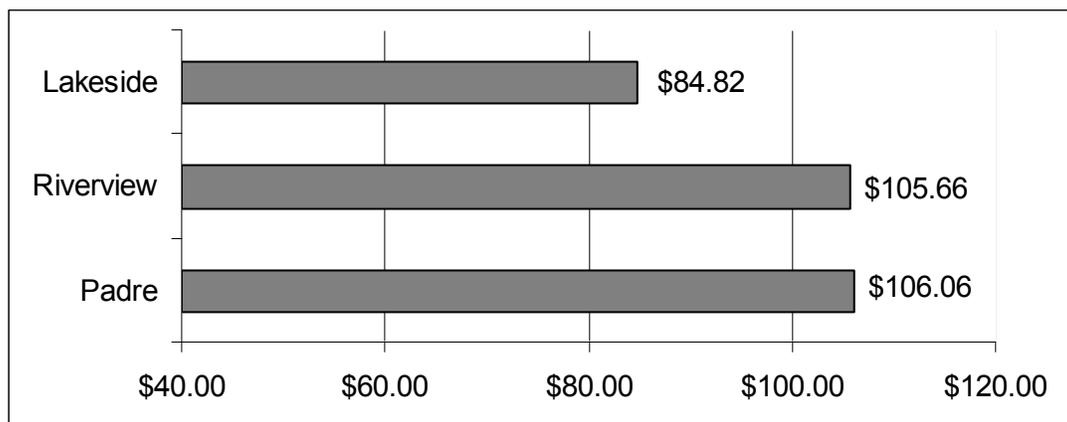
K	Sarah Gooden
1 st	Aaron Corbeil
2 nd	Carson Chandler
3 rd	Shyama LaChappa
4 th	Delanie Gourley
5 th	Megan Creed
6 th	Josephine Robles



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Average Bi-Monthly Water Bill June 2005

Residential 3/4" meter using 40 units (4000 cubic feet)



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