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## Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts' Quarterly Newsletter

### REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR YOUR AREA

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts (Districts) participate in various regional committees to represent our customers' interests in the management of their water resources through the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning process.

The IRWM planning process focuses on integrating programs and projects that protect and enhance regional water supplies, while creating a platform for future grant funding. IRWM plans help to meet future regional needs for water supply reliability; foster coordination, collaboration and communication among public agencies and other interested stakeholders; and improve regional competitiveness for future State and Federal grant funding. Also, a critical component of IRWM planning is identifying projects that incorporate multiple strategies, including water quality, water supply, flood management, data management, open space, and recreation.

The Antelope Valley Region IRWM plan focuses on the Antelope Valley drainage area, which encompasses northern Los Angeles County, southern Kern County and western San Bernardino County. Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, is a member of a Regional Water Management Group that is facilitating the development of the plan. To submit a project suggestion, view a full list of stakeholder participants, or to get involved in the planning effort, visit [www.avwaterplan.org](http://www.avwaterplan.org) or contact the Project Manager at (626) 300-3327.

Preparation of an Upper Santa Clara River Watershed IRWM Plan has been considered by several public agencies in the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed. The Upper Santa Clara River Watershed is hydrologically connected to Ventura County. Momentum is currently building and the stakeholder agencies have a strong interest in preparing a plan that will likely be joined with a similar Ventura County IRWM planning effort at a later date. Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde, will be a

stakeholder in the process. Public notices for a November kick-off meeting will be sent soon. For more information, contact the Project Manager at (626) 458-5918.

The Greater Los Angeles County Region IRWM Plan is comprised of 5 sub-regions: North Santa Monica Bay, Upper Los Angeles River, Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo River, Low San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers, and South Bay. Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, is a stakeholder in the process for the North Santa Monica Bay sub-region. For general information on the planning process, please visit [www.lawaterplan.org](http://www.lawaterplan.org) or contact the Program Manager at (626) 458-5947.

For the North Santa Monica Bay area, another planning document known as the North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds (NSMBW) Regional Watersheds Implementation Plan (RWIP) is being prepared. The Plan is a region-wide effort to comply with existing and future regulations related to water quality in the watersheds. Similar to an IRWM plan, the NSMBW RWIP is a collaborative effort. The Plan is being developed by the NSMBW Task Force, comprised of over 50 watershed stakeholders, including Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu. The NSMBW includes the Malibu Creek Watershed, Topanga Creek Watershed, and other coastal watersheds in the Santa Monica Mountains. Water conservation has been identified as a strategy to comply with water quality regulations and reduce storm water runoff, which carries pollutants in the watershed. The Waterworks Districts' existing Water Use Efficiency Program for residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and large landscape customers has been identified in the proposed plan as an effective measure for reducing dry-weather runoff that can carry pollutants to the ocean. To view a full list of the stakeholder participants, or to participate in the planning effort, visit [www.ladpw.org/wmd/nsmb](http://www.ladpw.org/wmd/nsmb) or contact the Project Manager at (626) 458-4341.

#### Did you know?

The average single family home uses 80 gallons of water per person each day in the winter, and 120 gallons in the summer.

#### What can you do to save water?

Sign up for a free water use efficiency survey and receive a free water conservation kit by calling 1-888-987-9473.



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## PALMDALE FALL FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 2006

On October 14th and 15th, the City of Palmdale hosted the Palmdale Fall Festival, “California’s Finest Family Festival.” As a participant, the Los Angeles County Waterworks District, No. 40, Antelope Valley, hosted a booth to educate our customers on water conservation.



*Aaron Mease, WaterWise Consulting, Inc. & Sandy Hernandez, L.A. County Waterworks Districts*



*“We love water conservation!”  
--Aaron Mease and Rosemary Mendoza,  
WaterWise Consulting, Inc.*



*Customer signing up for a free residential water use survey.*



*Customer discussing water conservation measures with a water use survey team member.*

## DID YOU SEE US IN 2006?

You might have stopped by our booth at one of the following events: Lancaster Home and Garden Show, California Poppy Festival, Palmdale Water District’s Water Fair and Festival, Antelope Valley Fair, Celebrate Downtown Lancaster and the Palmdale Fall Festival. The Waterworks Districts participate in these local events to educate our customers on water conservation. To inform us of an event in your area, please contact our Water Conservation Specialist at (626) 300-3364, or by e-mail at [conservewater@ladpw.org](mailto:conservewater@ladpw.org). See you soon!