

CVWD Water News

Your Water
is our promise



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Reflecting on 2024 Highlights

In 2024, the Coachella Valley Water District proudly advanced significant projects to enhance our community's water quality and sustainability, ensuring a brighter, healthier future for all.

EASTERN COACHELLA VALLEY FUNDING



CVWD celebrated receiving \$100 million in grant funding to provide clean, affordable water and reliable sewer services to under-served communities in the Eastern Coachella Valley. This achievement reflects nearly a decade of effort by CVWD's Disadvantaged Communities Infrastructure Task Force, which has connected hundreds of homes and improved services for thousands of residents. More progress is ahead!

MID-CANAL STORAGE PROJECT

Completed in summer 2024, the Mid-Canal Storage Project helps CVWD manage Coachella Canal delivery flows and will eliminate the need for concrete lining repairs in this section of the canal, saving on future costs. Construction included removing 4.9 miles of concrete lining and the embankment between the existing and old canal to create an in-line storage reservoir. The reservoir holds up to 728 acre-feet of water.

DRIVE FOR ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES

CVWD has introduced new Chevy Bolts to its fleet, marking a significant step toward zero-emission transportation in line with California's Air Resources Board mandates. CVWD has purchased 25 Chevy Bolt EUVs, replacing older gas-powered vehicles. Charged on-site in Palm Desert, these EVs are paving the way for a cleaner fleet while a Zero Emission Fleet Study explores future options and infrastructure improvements.



NORTH INDIO REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Completed in winter 2024, the North Indio Regional Flood Control Project is a 2.5-mile series of concrete flood control channels connecting Sun City Palm Desert and Shadow Hills to the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel. At \$110,209,837, it is the most expensive project in CVWD history. This project protects homes from regional flooding from the surrounding mountains, removes 2,700 acres from FEMA's flood hazard zone, and eliminates flood insurance requirements for residents.

NONPOTABLE WATER EXPANSION PROJECT



Approximately 8.5 miles of pipeline will connect eight new customers to CVWD's recycled water system, delivering about 4,850 acre-feet annually for landscape irrigation. With a total project cost of \$21,057,581, CVWD is committed to ensuring a sustainable future for the Coachella Valley and conserving our vital groundwater resources. This project is expected to be completed in January 2025.

CVWD Water Efficiency Discount Programs

Rachio Smart Sprinkler Controller



Save water and money every month

By using the Rachio Smart Sprinkler Controller with a smart watering app, you can control your sprinklers from anywhere with your mobile device. With Rachio, you can calculate when and how long to run your sprinklers and receive predictive watering schedules that adjust to local weather conditions. Available at a discount to CVWD customers, the cost of the program ranges from \$69.99-\$89.99, depending on the number of irrigation zones your yard contains. Self-install is required.

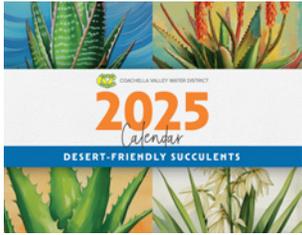
Flume Smart Home Water Monitor



With Flume, the future of water is digital. This device monitors your home's indoor and outdoor water use 24/7 and notifies you instantly if it detects a leak. While supplies last, CVWD customers can get the device for only \$85 (regularly \$249) after a discount and rebate. Self-install is required.

Visit www.cvwd.org/rebates for program details or call us at (760) 398-2651.

2025 Planting Calendars Available



CVWD's 2025 planting calendar is now available for customers upon request and at no charge, while supplies last.

This year's edition features colorful illustrations and graphics of desert-friendly succulents.

The calendar also highlights regional gardening information, including:

- ✓ Tips to save water and available CVWD rebates and incentives for residential, HOA, and commercial customers.
- ✓ Suggestions for creating a pollinator-friendly garden.
- ✓ Monthly gardening pointers and irrigation guides for each featured succulent type.

Request a calendar online at cvwd.org/publications to receive a calendar in the mail.

Customers can also pick up calendars at the District's Palm Desert or Coachella offices, as well as some Coachella Valley gardening stores.

Nursery pick-up locations include:

- All Color Growers, 78790 Darby Road, Bermuda Dunes
- Bob Williams Nursery, 48575 Madison St., Indio
- GDNC Nursery, 17655 Zeta Road, Desert Hot Springs
- Moon Valley Nurseries, 50600 Jackson Street, Coachella
- Mollers Garden Center, 72235 Painters Path, Palm Desert



Fix a Leak Week 2025

Mark your calendars for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Fix a Leak Week, March 17-23, 2025!

Did you know that household leaks can waste nearly 1 trillion gallons of water each year nationwide? Fix a Leak Week is an annual reminder to check household plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks.

To learn more, visit epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week.

CVWD Customer Assistance Program Helps Pay Water Bills

CVWD's customer assistance program offers eligible residential customers a \$150 credit on their water bill, available once in a 12-month period. Customers may reapply each year for assistance.

Residential customers who need help paying their water bill can apply through **Inland SoCal United Way** by visiting inlandsocaluw.org/help2others or by calling (909) 751-1180, ext. 1200 or by simply dialing 211. United Way screens eligible customers and provides them with assistance in paying a water bill.

Charitable donations are also accepted through United Way. Donations must be made directly to Inland SoCal United Way. All donations are tax-deductible.



Turf Conversion Rebate Program

Dedicate your New Year's resolution to going native and converting your lawn by installing drought-tolerant plants.

By converting your landscape, residential customers can receive \$2 per square foot of turf removed, up to 10,000 square feet per project per program year (July 1-June 30). HOA and commercial customers can receive a \$2 per square foot rebate, up to 25,000 square feet per project per program year.

Take advantage of the Turf Conversion Rebate Program this year and improve the health of your landscape.

The best time to convert your lawn is in the spring. Why?

- New plant installations require less water to thrive.
- Plants have a better chance of survival in the spring – the weather is not too hot or cold in the desert.
- With nice, breezy spring temperatures, customers can avoid new plant installations dying and having to repurchase plants.

For program details and more information, visit cvwd.org/rebates or call us at (760) 398-2651.

Before



After



Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to the public and are generally held at 8 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Meetings alternate between the Steve Robbins Administration Building in Palm Desert and the Coachella Office.

Visit our website to watch meetings online and to view the agenda.

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