

Water News



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CVWD is here for you!



Contact us if you have questions or concerns about your water bill. We are here to provide assistance, including on-site visits. Give us a call at (760) 391-9600.

Did you know?



CVWD began serving domestic

water supplies in the 1960s with the acquisition of Palm Desert Water Company and now serves more than 290,000 residents with safe and reliable potable water.



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CVWD concludes year of celebration



CVWD recently concluded a year of special events marking the 100th anniversary of the district.

The celebratory year was capped off with a public party in November at The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, a popular venue that had just opened up a new park entrance and

garden where the party was held. The event featured informational booths about the district and about the agricultural and golf industries of the Coachella Valley. Food catered by The Living Desert included fruit, vegetables and appetizers, reflecting locally grown produce, and colorful birthday mini-cupcakes.

One highlight at the party was the unveiling of a miniature water tower with a CVWD logo that had been created for the event. The water tower, a symbol of the importance of CVWD to the Coachella Valley, now stands in The Living Desert's large, much-visited model train exhibit.

The success of the party was evident in the numbers. Hundreds of visitors attended, 1,000 reusable water bottles and other prizes were given away, and more than 4,000 social media impressions were created about the event.

CVWD is also featured on an episode of *Uncovered in the Archives*, a PBS television show. The main focus is the history of water in the Coachella Valley. The episode can be viewed at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays on KVCR/PBS Empire Network Channel 24 on most TV lineups. Or the watch the episode online at www.empirenetwork.org/uncoveredinthearchives.

Two CVWD projects selected to receive EPA federal loans

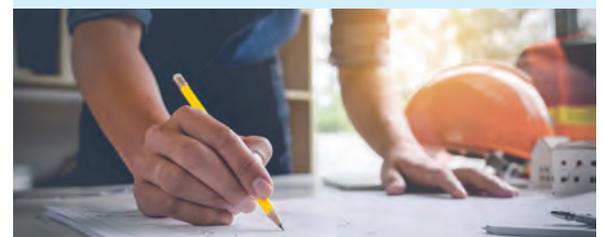
Two of CVWD's stormwater projects have been selected to receive Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) federal loans through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA).

These projects were part of a total of 39 projects selected nationally in the highly competitive process. The selected borrowers will receive WIFIA loans totaling up to \$5 billion to help finance over \$10 billion in water infrastructure investments and create up to 155,000 jobs.

The EPA chose CVWD's Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel Improvement Project for an approximately \$22 million loan. The project involves improvements to reduce flood risk to the surrounding areas and bring the channel up to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and CVWD design standards. The project will provide protection to life and property during 100-year flood events and ensure the reliability of Coachella Valley's stormwater protection system.

The EPA selected CVWD's North Indio Flood Control Project for a nearly \$29 million loan. This project will design and construct a regional flood conveyance channel to convey stormwater flows from Sun City Palm Desert development to the Sun City Shadow Hills development, which ultimately connects to the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel. This project will reduce flood risk to nearby communities and remove flood insurance requirements for residents in the area.

Both of these projects are part of CVWD's ongoing commitment to reducing flood risk in the Coachella Valley to protect both life and property.



Free winter/spring conservation events

Wednesday, January 16, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Caring for Citrus Trees

Learn how to choose, prune and irrigate citrus trees for better fruit production and healthier plants.

Speaker: Don Ackley, CVWD water management supervisor

Wednesday, February 20, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Container Vegetable Gardening

Learn how to successfully grow delicious vegetables and fragrant herbs in containers.

Speaker: Bob Adamson, master gardener

Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Backyard Composting

An introduction on how to make something beneficial for your garden from things you are already throwing away.

Speakers: Riverside Co. Dept. of Waste Resources

Saturday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.

to 1:30 p.m.

Wiggly Worm Composting & Bin Workshop

Compost with worms to convert food scraps into two of the best amendments on earth: worm castings, a fancy name for worm poop and worm tea, a liquid fertilizer.

This class includes a Make-Your-Own Worm-Bin workshop. Either bring your own materials from the list provided on our website or buy the materials for \$26 at the class. Plus, worms are provided for FREE at each workshop. It's fun, easy and kids love it.

Speakers: Riverside Co. Dept. of Waste Resources

Wednesday, April 3, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Residential Landscape Design

Dive into design basics for your landscape with plant palettes, plan drawings and principles of design.

Speaker: Tom Doczi, landscape architect, TDK Associates, Inc.

All events will be held at CVWD's Steve Robbins Administration Building 75515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert.

For more details, visit www.cvwd.org.

Registration is not required.



Landscape rebates offered to residents, HOAs and businesses

CVWD offers rebate programs to help customers improve their water-efficiency inside and outside their homes and businesses.

Here are some of the rebates offered.

 Landscape Rebate Programs. Replace grass with desert-friendly plants. Residential customers may be eligible for \$2 per square foot, up to \$10,000 square feet per program year. For HOA and commercial customers, CVWD rebates are available at \$2 per square foot up to a maximum of 25,000 square feet per project.

 Free smart irrigation controllers for eligible residential customers. For HOAs and commercial customers, CVWD will contribute half of the cost of the controller up to \$10,000 per project

All rebate programs require pre-approval.

Apply online at cvwd.org/rebates or pick up an application at CVWD's Water Management Office, 75-525 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert.



Assistance program helps pay water bill

CVWD's customer assistance program offers eligible residential customers a \$100 credit on their water bill once in a 12 month period. Customers must reapply for subsequent years.

Customers who need help paying their water bill can apply with United Way of the Desert by calling (760) 323-2731.

United Way of the Desert screens eligible customers and provides them with assistance in paying a past due water bill. Charitable donations are also accepted through United Way. Donations must be made directly to United Way of the Desert. All donations are tax-deductible.

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Main line: (760) 398-2651

Customer Service: (760) 391-9600

Website: www.cvwd.org

Board Meetings

Board meetings are generally held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings to learn more about the water district.

Meetings alternate between the district's Palm Desert and Coachella offices. Meeting agendas are posted online three business days prior to a meeting and include the time and location.

