



New Recycled Water Pipeline Improves Service

Through much of the spring and summer, workers installed a new 24-inch recycled water pipeline, burying it along Malibu Canyon Road between the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility and Mulholland Highway. Stretching nearly two miles, the new line will provide additional volume and more reliable recycled water service for irrigation customers.

Partially funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the completed project will help conserve potable water which must be imported from northern California. Motorists who were inconvenienced by the project's lane restrictions will soon be riding over a smooth, newly repaved roadway surface. ♪



It's "Water Savings" Time!

Because sunlight is the "engine" that makes your plants grow, the shorter days of autumn mean your plants need less water. Fewer hours of sunshine means your plants don't need as much water as they did in July.

Unfortunately, many customers leave their irrigation timers on a summer schedule throughout the year, wasting

a lot of water and money. The fall and winter months are the best opportunity to save. Reset your timer to water just two days per week and be sure to check that your sprinkler heads are properly aimed. Remember – a properly functioning irrigation system should have no runoff to sidewalks or streets. ♪

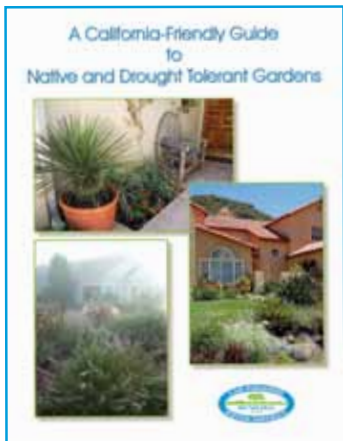


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LVMWD's Popular Native Plant Guide Available FREE

Just in time for the fall planting season, you can get a free copy of our colorful 64-page guidebook, "A California-Friendly Guide to Native and Drought Tolerant Gardens." Stop by LVMWD's main office, 4232 Las Virgenes Road, during business hours to pick up a copy. It's also available on-line at www.LVMWD.com, under Conservation, Native Plant Guide. ♪



Conservation

Fire Station 89 Goes Green

L.A. County Fire Station 89 on Canwood Street in Agoura Hills has a new bright green lawn to contrast with those shiny red fire trucks. What's special about this lawn is that it's artificial turf – given to the station and installed for free by the vendor.

It's a perfect drought-tolerant and water-wise addition to the station. Low maintenance, too! ♪

Pictured: Dion Agnew, LVMWD Customer Service Supervisor, Captain Mitch Diehl, and Engineer Mark Valance



California Postpones Water Bond Vote Until 2012

The last issue of The Current Flow identified some of the key issues surrounding Proposition 18, a ballot measure slated for the November election. Popularly known as "The Water Bond" its formal name is "The Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010."

In early August, the state legislature voted to remove the \$11.1 billion Water Bond from the November 2010 ballot and postpone a public vote for two years. Because of the economy and the state's financial situation, many believed the time is not right to take on additional debt.

While the state's economic climate does not currently favor additional borrowing, others say that safe, reliable water is essential to the state's citizens, business and the economy. However, it is still possible that sections of the proposal will be subject to revision prior to taking it to voters

Customers are asked to stay current on this important issue. As an agency entirely dependent upon imported water, decisions on water policy made in Sacramento have a direct effect upon the supply of water to those who live and work in the LVMWD service area. ♪

Addendum to 2008

| Parameter | Year Sampled | Unit | AL | PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG] | State DLR |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------|------|--------------------|-----------|
| LEAD AND COPPER TAP MONITORING | | | | | |
| Lead | 2008 | ppb | 15 | 0.2 | 5 |
| Copper | 2008 | ppb | 1300 | 300 | 50 |

ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
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| AL | Action Level |
| DLR | Detection Limits for purposes of Reporting |
| MCL | Maximum Contaminant Level |
| MCLG | Maximum Contaminant Level Goal |
| MRDL | Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level |
| MRDLG | Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal |
| PHG | Public Health Goal |
| ppb | parts per billion or micrograms per liter (µg/L) |
| ppm | parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L) |

If present, elevated levels of lead in drinking water can harm children. Lead in drinking water from home plumbing. Las Vegas residents cannot control the water supply for several hours, you can reduce lead exposure before using water for drinking. For more information on your water tested. For more information on lead exposure is available from the state.

USEPA Can Help You Save Water

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has unveiled its new WaterSense Label program that will help buyers easily identify products such as toilets, bathroom sink faucets, showerheads, appliances and other items that have been tested and proven to save water in everyday use. WaterSense labels are already appearing on products found at home improvement and plumbing retail outlets.

To learn more, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/wereforwater/



Emergency Contact Update

In times of emergency, LVMWD notifies customers with important information using a computerized call system that is able to make hundreds of phone calls a minute. To be sure your information is current, take a moment to complete the form below so that we can communicate important information on events such as fire, flood, earthquake, or water service interruptions.

This is especially important for households that rely entirely on cellular or internet-based telephone service. **All information is kept strictly confidential.**

Please PRINT your name, current address and phone number - that's it. If you have not signed up, or have changed phone numbers, contact Customer Service at 818.251.2200 or mail this form along with your payment.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ cell - home - office (please circle)

E-mail: _____

Check here if you are interested in receiving timely water-related notices about events, classes, and water issues via e-mail. Another option is to sign-up for e-notification at www.LVMWD.com, you can choose to receive notification of news releases, tours, garden workshops, and more.

09 Water Quality Report

| 90th Percentile | # Sites Sample | # Sites Above AL | Exceeded AL Y/N | Major Sources in Drinking Water |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---|
| 6.5 | 30 | 0 | N | House pipes internal corrosion; erosion of natural deposits |
| 230 | 30 | 0 | N | House pipes internal corrosion; erosion of natural deposits |

Levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. LVMWD is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, and a variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for a long time, it can contain lead. To minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. For more information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure, visit the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

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At Your Service...

No Drugs Down the Drain



It used to be common practice to flush old medications down the drain or toilet; we now know that these substances are bad for our environment. "No Drugs Down the Drain" is a program alerting Californians to safe and proper disposal choices.

In our area, there are two options:

1. Put in a sturdy and securely sealed container and then in a trash can where children and pets can't reach them, or,
2. Use the "Safe Drug Drop Off" containers at the Lost Hills Sheriff Station, 27050 Agoura Road, Agoura, CA 91301.

Visit www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org for more information.



THE MISSING PIECE

What is the purpose of the new 24-inch recycled pipeline?

Send your response to:

THE MISSING PIECE, LVMWD, 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302, or submit your answer electronically by sending an e-mail to dlow@LVMWD.com with "Missing Piece" in the subject line. Prizes awarded monthly to ten winners randomly selected from the correct responses. Watch for the answer in the next issue of *The Current Flow*.

Previous issue's **MISSING PIECE** answer:

How many gallons does 1 HCF (hundred cubic feet) represent

Answer: 748

Plants for Dried Arrangements

Increase your enjoyment of blooming water-wise plants by harvesting the flowers, pods, or branches for dried arrangements. These examples, in addition to lavenders, sages and rosemary, do well in our region and are drought tolerant.

Achillea millefolium

Common Yarrow¹

A California native, this perennial produces flat-top clusters of flowers atop tall stems with gray or green narrow leaves. (Dry flower heads). 3' h x 3' w



Sea Lavender, Statice¹



Limonium perezii

Rich purple blooms appear from spring through summer; very hardy for beach zones but does not tolerate cold. (Dry flower heads). 3' h x 3' w

Cercis occidentalis

Western Redbud¹⁹

A California native, this large shrub displays bright dark pink blossoms before interesting seed pods and heart-shaped leaves appear. (Dry seed pods). 6-16' h x 20' w



California Poppy¹



Eschscholzia californica

Seed Pods: A common native on hillsides and along roadways with bright yellow to orange single flowers, the distinctive seed pod will add interest to dried arrangements. Harvest while still green. (Dry seed pods). 8-24" h x 1' w

For more information on these waterwise plants, go to the Conservation section of our web site - www.LVMWD.com. To find a local retailer to purchase native plants, go to [BeWaterWise \(http://www.bewaterwise.com/retailers.html\)](http://www.bewaterwise.com/retailers.html).

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