

DWANA News

DESERT WATER  FALL 2020

Let's make every drop count!

SNOW CREEK FILTRATION PLANT COMPLETE



Most of the water Desert Water Agency delivers to homes and businesses is pumped from deep underground. About 5 percent, though, comes from local streams.

DWA has rights to surface water from Snow Creek, Falls Creek and Chino Creek. A new water filtration plant facility near Snow Creek will allow us to use more of our surface stream water rights each year.

The new plant will filter water from Snow Creek and Falls Creek to serve Snow Creek Village customers.

The new filtration plant, along with other nearby DWA facilities were unaffected by the Snow Fire that erupted in the area in September.

This project is just one part of DWA's ongoing effort to provide safe, reliable water.

ELECTION TIME



DWA's first election by division is November 3.

Voters within Division 5, which includes Cathedral City and portions of eastern Palm Springs, will choose between two candidates as their representative on the five-member Desert Water Agency Board of Directors.

For Division 4, which covers most of central and south Palm Springs, there was only one candidate who filed to run for the position, so Paul Ortega will be appointed to DWA's Board and assume office in December.

Elections for Directors to represent Divisions 1, 2 and 3, which cover the remainder of DWA's boundaries, are scheduled for 2022.

DWA moved from at-large elections to divisions in 2019. To find your division or learn about the process, visit www.dwa.org/divisions.

OVERSEEDING – SKIP IT OR BE EFFICIENT



Overseeding (or reseeding) isn't a must. It's OK to let your grass go dormant for a few weeks this winter. Desert Water Agency encourages it. You can save on seed, gardening time, and water. If you do choose to overseed, be efficient.



Here are tips on how to overseed efficiently:

- Check your sprinklers - fix any pressure problems and repair any leaks. Make sure sprinklers are aimed in the right direction and not watering sidewalks or streets
- Start later - overseed in late October or early November and you will need less water to germinate the seeds
- Cover seeds - After you put seeds down, you can cover them with grass clippings to prevent evaporation and give them shade
- Water a little but often - keep your seeds moist but not soaked. For example, water five times a day for a couple minutes each time
- Reduce watering - after seeds sprout, reduce the number of times you water each day

DWA GOES VIRTUAL



With in-person events on hold because of COVID-19, Desert Water Agency has hosted a number of webinars and created a video tour of facilities.

Connecting with our customers is important even when we can't do it in person.

You can find all our past webinars, upcoming webinars and videos at www.dwa.org/virtual.

Here are our webinar topics for the rest of 2020:

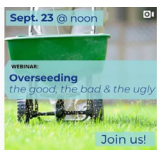
- Oct. - Grass removal workshop
- Nov. - Pipeline replacement
- Dec. - Holiday craft with succulents

DWA also recently launched an updated version of our website to improve site speed, features and accessibility.



Check out the new look at www.dwa.org

FIND US ON INSTAGRAM!



FAQ

When is the best time to plant?

The best time to put in most plants and trees is during the fall when the temperature isn't too hot and plants can establish roots. If you're wondering about vegetables and fruits, check out the month-by-month recommendations for the Coachella Valley at www.dwa.org/planting-guide.

To keep new plants thriving it's important to make sure your irrigation system is in working order. Take advantage of incentives on efficient nozzles and smart controllers at www.dwa.org/save.



PIPELINE IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

Desert Water Agency's pipeline replacement project is underway on Avenida Caballeros between Tachevah and Vista Chino.

Work to replace the 71-year-old pipeline started in July and is expected to last until mid-November.

Replacing aging pipeline helps improve water reliability for our customers, decrease repair costs and reduce water loss.

We appreciate your patience as we upgrade our system.

Go to www.dwa.org/pipelines for more information on our projects. For questions about this project, contact Ashley Metzger at 760-323-4971 (ext. 184) or Ashley@dwa.org.



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The public is welcome to participate in our board meetings at 8 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month. To see a schedule of all our meetings, please visit our website: www.dwa.org

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