

DWANA News

DESERT WATER WINTER 2022

Let's make every drop count!

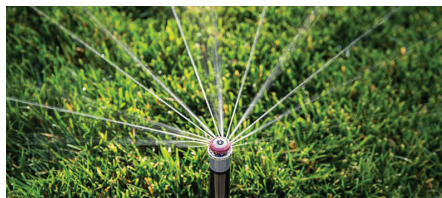
STEP UP & SAVE WITH INCENTIVES

Happy New Year! In 2022 let's all resolve to use water wisely to help with the statewide drought and long term sustainability.

Desert Water Agency has a variety of incentives that can help you save water and money inside and outside your property.

- Grass removal: Get \$2 per square foot to remove your grass and replace with desert landscape or artificial turf. (Grass must be present when applying)
- Smart controllers: Get up to \$150 for weather-based irrigation controllers and \$100 for professional installation of the device. Commercial or HOAs can receive up to \$10,000 for devices and \$750 for professional install.
- Nozzles/irrigation heads: Get \$5 per efficient sprinkler nozzle plus \$2 per nozzle for professional installation.
- Washing machines: Residents can get up to \$250 for a water efficient Energy Star certified model.

Go to www.dwa.org/save for more info and to fill out an easy application online.



DROUGHT PERSISTS

Despite storms, California is still in a drought.

Experts anticipate another dry year in 2022 and water restrictions to help ease strain on the water supply.

The entire state is now in a declared drought emergency.

DWA is evaluating its Water Shortage Contingency Plan and there are changes coming from the state level. DWA will post the most recent information on drought and water restrictions at www.dwa.org/drought

For decades we've been delivering imported water to ponds where it soaks into the underground aquifer, protecting the health of our aquifer. In wet years, we're able to bank water for dry years like this one where we don't get much imported water.

We are asking customers to step up and save where possible to reduce our water footprint.

Information and tips on how to save water and money inside and outside your home is available here: www.dwa.org/save



JOIN WATER COUNTS ACADEMY & DIVE INTO WATER EDUCATION



If you're fascinated by water and wondered how it travels from deep underground to your faucet, then Water Counts Academy may be for you.

The free online Academy starts in February. It is designed for future and emerging leaders in the Coachella Valley who want a better understanding of water delivery in the desert and issues facing our area.

With California in a drought, learning about water is as important as ever.

This is the sixth year for the academy, developed by CV Water Counts (CVWaterCounts.com), a collaborative of the valley's six water agencies.

The academy consists of five weekday sessions, from noon to 1:30 p.m., on the following Thursdays: February 3, 10, 17, 24 and March 3.

The sessions cover a variety of topics from water quality and supply to

conservation and water efficient industries.

Visit CVWaterCounts.com/Academy to apply by January 21 for the February 2022 class.





FAQ

How do I get help with my water bill?

Go to www.dwa.org/h2o and apply for up to \$200 a year in water bill credit through the Help2Others Assistance Program.

The program is administered through United Way of the Desert and helps people in need pay their water bill.



Help2Others
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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RATE INCREASE REMINDER



Water rates will increase in January and appear on your bill in February.

This long-delayed increase is the final increase approved in December of 2016 to cover replacement of aging pipelines and the increased cost to import water.

The increase was postponed from July 2020 due to the pandemic.

As a government agency, DWA does not make a profit and can only charge for the cost of service.

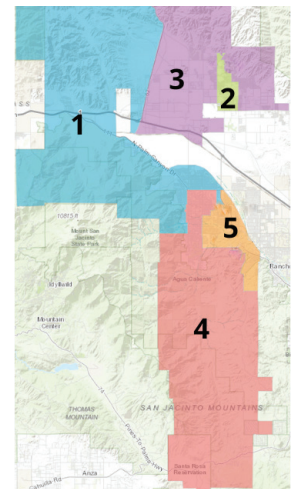
Details on the new rates are available at www.dwa.org/rates

DWA WANTS YOUR INPUT ON NEW MAPS

DWA will hold public workshops in the coming months to gather input on division boundary maps. The Agency is required to redraw its Board of Directors electoral division maps based on 2020 Census data.

Desert Water Agency transitioned from at-large to division elections with its first division election in November 2020. Voters elected two board members at that time for divisions 4 and 5. The November 2022 election will have three open seats.

For more information on workshop dates and to utilize a map-drawing tool, go to www.dwa.org/divisions



PIC FROM THE PAST

Crews install a pipeline near our south Palm Springs reservoir near Indian Canyons around 1975. We now have a network of 425 miles of pipes that deliver water from reservoirs to homes and businesses across our service area.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Kristin Bloomer: President (Division 5)
- James Cioffi: Vice President
- Joseph K. Stuart: Secretary/Treasurer
- Patricia G. Oygar: Director
- Paul Ortega: Director (Division 4)

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