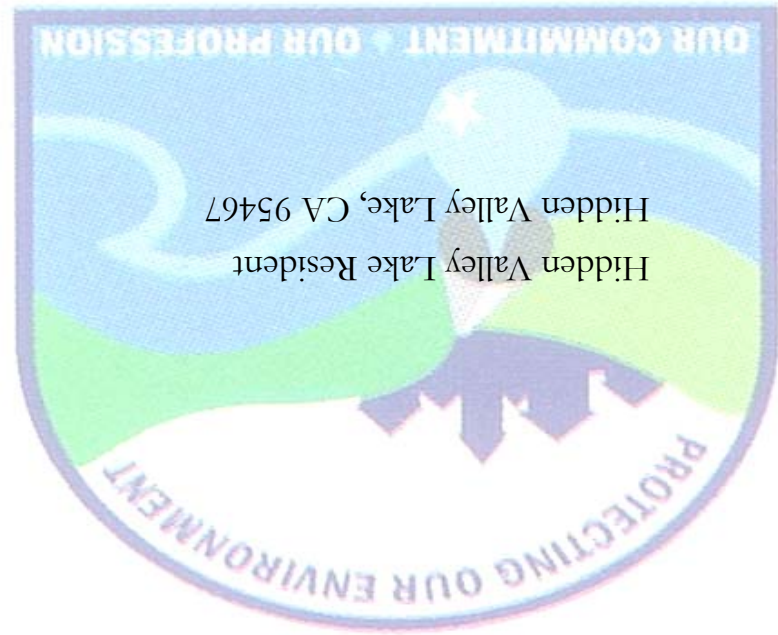


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All agendas and public hearing notices are published on our website under the "Recent Agenda" tab.

**Water Conservation Program**

The District's water conservation program:

- "**Planting Your Drought Tolerant Garden**" includes valuable information on irrigation systems and soil preparation along with a list of plants that grow well in the Hidden Valley Lake area.
- **Indoor Retrofit Kit** for homes built prior to 1992 when the plumbing codes changed to low flow devices. The kit includes low flow bathroom aerators, a kitchen faucet, toilet tank water saver, and a shower head.
- **Rebate Program**, for ultra low flow toilets (ULFT) and High Efficiency Toilets (HET) was implemented in 2003. In 2004 rebates for front load and high efficiency washing machines was approved.
  - \$50 rebates for ULFT/HET rebate
  - \$150 rebates for front load/HEW washing machines.

For further information regarding water conservation, please contact Tami Ipsen at the District Office at 987-9201.

**Bill Pay Options**

The District offers several options to pay your bill:

- You may pay by phone by calling the District Office at (707) 987-9201.
- You may use auto draft from your checking or credit card account (no additional charges, call District Office to setup).
- You may pay online at [hiddenvalleylakecsd.com](http://hiddenvalleylakecsd.com), click on "Customer Online Payment" icon. (An additional \$1.25 fee is applied that goes directly to the credit card processing company).
- You may pay through the mail.
- The District provides a Night Drop Box (box located outside District Office for after hour payments).
- You may pay at the District Office (Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.).

Please call the District Office for any assistance at 987-9201.

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***Please Take Notice - Public Hearing July 20, 2010  
- Potential Rate Increases For The Next 3 Years***

Why is a water/sewer rate increase necessary?

During the economic downturn District revenues have seriously declined and expenses have remained constant or have risen. In spite of that disparity your water base rate has remained unchanged since 2005, sewer rates have remained unchanged since 2007, along with the water use overage base rate. Financial pressure from those tight budget years, increasing costs of energy, maintenance and state and federal regulations have tipped the balance so that current rates are inadequate to meet our financial obligations. The proposed rates for the next three (3) fiscal years will be presented at the July 20, 2010, Board Meeting.

2010-2011 Fiscal Year

**Proposed rate increase per bimonthly billing cycle:**

<b>water base rate - (3,000 cubic foot allotment)</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>
<b>water use over base rate - (per cubic foot)</b>	<b>\$ .0233</b>
<b>sewer base rate - reclaimed water - (per acre foot)</b>	<b>\$ 94.60 \$275.00</b>

2011-2012 Fiscal Year

**Proposed rate increase per bimonthly billing cycle:**

<b>water base rate - (3,000 cubic foot allotment)</b>	<b>\$ 72.10</b>
<b>water use over base rate - (per cubic foot)</b>	<b>\$ .0240</b>
<b>sewer base rate - reclaimed water - (per acre foot)</b>	<b>\$ 97.44 \$283.25</b>

2012-2013 Fiscal Year

**Proposed rate increase per bimonthly billing cycle:**

<b>water base rate - (3,000 cubic foot allotment)</b>	<b>\$ 74.26</b>
<b>water use over base rate - (per cubic foot)</b>	<b>\$ .0248</b>
<b>sewer base rate - reclaimed water - (per acre foot)</b>	<b>\$100.36 \$291.75</b>

Notice of Proposed Rate Increase

California Proposition 218 requires the District to provide a notice of the proposed rates to "all property owners and tenants of real property who are directly liable to pay the water and sewer bills" forty-five (45) days prior to the hearing date.

To **PREVENT** a rate increase a majority of the property owners or tenants who are directly liable to pay water and sewer bills are required to file a written, signed protest against the rate increase. This protest must be filed with the District Secretary on or before the close of the public hearing July 20, 2010. The protest must contain a property description sufficient to identify the property (Service address shown on the mailing is sufficient). If you own or rent more than one parcel, you may file a single protest, but must identify each parcel you own or rent. If the name on the written protest is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll of the County as the owner of the property, the signer of the protest must also submit written evidence of ownership or tenancy.

Hearing

The District's Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed increases on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the District Office Boardroom at 19400 Hartmann Road, Hidden Valley Lake, CA 95467. The Board of Directors shall hear and tabulate all protests.

Written protests may be mailed or delivered in person to:

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## District Sponsored Spring Has Sprung And Earth Day Events To Promote Water Awareness

The District participated in the "Earth Day" celebration held on April 17, 2010 at the Calpine Visitor Center in Middletown. Many local agencies and merchants shared earth saving tips and sold various products including handmade items. It was a beautiful day with a rewarding turnout of Lake County locals. Promoting water awareness, the District educated visitors regarding the importance of keeping our aquifer clean from pollutants through demonstration of making edible aquifers. Kids also had the opportunity to make rain sticks with rice, beans, stickers, yarn, beads and seashells.

The Lake County Milers spread across the Hidden Valley Lake pavement for their annual "Spring Has Sprung" event on May 23, 2010. Runners began at Coyote Valley Elementary School, running through the Hidden Valley Lake subdivision and returning to Coyote Valley Elementary School. The District sponsored the event by promoting water conservation using "Save Our Water" logo from [www.saveourh2o.org](http://www.saveourh2o.org) and providing water conservation literature at the event. It was another spectacular day with many runners from around Lake County and outside the area!

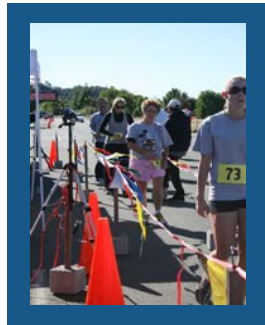
## 3rd Annual Red, White And Blue Golf Tournament - Benefit For Toys For Kids



This year the Hidden Valley Lake Men's Golf Club and the Toys for Kids will be sponsoring a Red, White and Blue golf tournament. All proceeds will go to the Toys for Kids to provide toys for children from less fortunate families. The tournament is scheduled for July 3, 2010 at the Hidden Valley Lake golf course, 8:30 a.m. shotgun. Pick up your entry form at the Hidden Valley Lake Pro Shop today! If you have any questions or would like to be a sponsor for this event contact Tami Ipsen at 987-3679 or Bob Commesky at 987-1027. Your support is appreciated! Thank you!



Earth Day!



Spring Has Sprung!



## Save Our Water!

Water is a precious resource and should be used as a necessity. Try these three tips to save water indoors:

- Brush your teeth with the water off will save up to 5 gallons of water a day.
- When showering, turn the water on to get wet, turn it off to lather up and then turn it on to rinse. Limit your showers to 5 minutes. Use a 2.2 gallons per minute showerhead. You will save up to 9 gallons of water per shower.
- Run full loads of wash in your washing machine. Replace your old washing machine with a frontload or high efficiency washing machine. A savings of 16-27 gallons per load.



## What's a Water Footprint?

Information from Elizabeth Curtright, editor of *Water Efficiency* magazine



We have heard of carbon footprint, which is "the total set of greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions caused by an organization, event or product" (Wikipedia), but what about water footprint, the amount of freshwater needed to produce the goods and services consumed? The measurements include the actual water in the product, along with all the virtual water embedded in every action associated with the cultivation, collection, and delivery of that item. What about the costs of turning on the sprinklers or taking that extra long shower?

Would we make better decisions if we were aware of the toll of our everyday purchases and activities take on our water demand? Could our actions make a difference if we evaluated the water we could save before we acted?

Water has embedded costs, but how does determining hidden water costs behind basic human activities relate to water efficiency and conservation? At [waterfootprint.org](http://waterfootprint.org) you can discover the water footprint in your daily activities and in the products you purchase. Check it out!

## Consumer Confidence Report

Enclosed is your copy of the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).

Each year the District is required by the State to provide a copy of the District's CCR to all of their customers.

Specific language must be used, which is regulated by the State and may be difficult to translate. The report indicates the District meets all State and federal requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact the District Office at 987-9201.

## Board Approves Water Awareness Proclamation

At the April 20, 2010 board meeting the Board of Directors dedicated the month of May as Water Awareness Month through a proclamation. The proclamation dictates the importance of conserving, protecting our water resources and educating the public about water management efforts. Please join us in promoting water awareness ALL the time in using water wisely.

## Keep That Lawn Green With Less Water

For all the "lawn lovers" that just can't give up their "quality" of life. (Article from SafeLawns.org)

Here is a list of recommendations to maintain an organic and drought tolerant lawn:

1. Use compost and organic fertilizers.
2. Leave grass clippings on the grass to help the soil retention of moisture.
3. Apply nutrient packed "compost tea" that you can brew "yourself"; instructions are included on the website.
4. Use water saving sprinklers and timers. Water deeply and frequently so the roots learn to grow down into the soil to find water.
5. Never mow your grass lower than 3 inches except for Bermuda grass, bent grass and seashore paspalum, which should be mowed 2 inches or less.
6. Avoid synthetic fertilizers, which draws water away from plants.
7. Grow drought tolerant grass varieties.
8. Apply organic "wetting agents" which allow the soil to fully absorb the water.
9. Dethatch the lawn if decaying roots and stems are overly abundant.
10. Aerate the lawn if soil feels overly compacted.
11. Allow clover to grow, which is a drought tolerant and feeds soil naturally.
12. Maintain the proper PH in your soil.
13. Avoid mowing the lawn if no rain is predicted.

If you use these pointers diligently you should be able to save on your water usage. Good luck and have fun!

