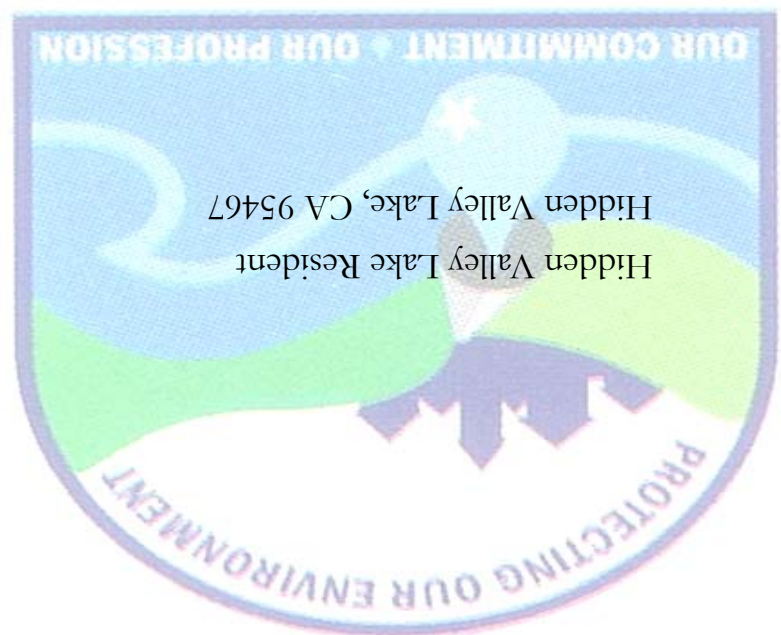


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Water Conservation Program

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.
- ⇒ **Water Conservation Tips**, are available on our website using the "Water Conservation Tips" tab and a brochure is also available at the District Office.
- ⇒ **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/HE toilet rebate.
 - \$150 rebates for front load/HE washing machines.

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

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

Check Your Irrigation System

It is the time of year to check your irrigation systems for leaks **BEFORE** you turn it on. You may save hundreds of gallons of water by following these measures:

- Turn on one zone at a time so that you can see where repair may be necessary. Lines degrade with age and may be easily broken by deer stepping on them, weed whacking through them (like I did) or any other type of ground movement.
- Remember to setup your zones according to the types of plants you have and the amount of water they need. Each plant has a different water requirement and can be damaged by too much or too little water.
- Don't over water! Especially lawns! Many thirsty consumers think that the more they water the greener their grass, but this is not so. Try watering in short intervals more frequently: water three times for 10 minute intervals with 30 minutes in between. This process will stimulate deep roots which will result to less watering.

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HVLCSD Photovoltaic Energy Sustainability Project Update

We are so excited to share with our customers our progress on the Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District Photovoltaic Energy Sustainability Project, henceforth "Solar Project." The project will provide 180 kW of renewable energy and is expected to fully offset energy consumption at the Water Reclamation Plant. After years of hard work by General Manager Mel Aust and his staff, the District has secured a \$1.1 million grant and a \$650,000 low interest loan funded by the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utility Service. District staff will provide in-kind services for construction inspections to offset the \$650,000 that the District is required to contribute.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) was noticed in local newspapers and bid exchanges on May 4th and has proven to draw interest from several local contractors hoping to be involved in the Solar Project. The RFP format will require vendors to evaluate the project site and resources to provide detailed solutions to meet the required power demand. Vendor responses will include design concepts, technologies, power output, and cost. Vendors can provide more than one solution for the District's consideration.

15 companies, including businesses based in Lake, Napa, and Sonoma Counties, were represented at a mandatory pre-bid proposal meeting held at the Water Treatment Plant on Wednesday, May 18, 2011. Proposers were able to ask questions about the RFP and see the site where the project will eventually be constructed. District staff was encouraged by such a positive response to the project and the insightful questions that proved the level of expertise and creativity that will eventually make this project a success.

Final RFPs are due to the District office by 2:00 p.m. Wednesday June 15, 2011. After all proposals are received and reviewed for completeness and quality, the District will initiate interviews with top proposers. The RFP package included the scoring criteria and points allocated to the areas of management qualifications, experience, technologies, project cost, and innovation and creativity. Additional points will be assigned to proposals that list a local prime contractor.

IRWA Collaborates with the Peace Corps in Circuit Rider Programs

Mel Aust, District General Manager, has been diligently working with staff at the International Rural Water Association (IRWA) in efforts to join forces with the Peace Corps to expand circuit rider programs (sometimes called "Train the Trainer" program) throughout underdeveloped countries. As chairman of IRWA, Mel has seen the benefits of the circuit rider program that enables long term management and maintenance on systems for rural communities throughout the world. The collaboration with the Peace Corps would expand the training for local members in these communities to sustain rural systems and help deliver clean drinking water to thousands of people.

District to Present “Planting a Drought Tolerant Garden” to the Hidden Valley Lake Garden Club

Hidden Valley Lake CSD’s water conservation-ist, Tami Ipsen, will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation on “Planting a Drought Tolerant Garden” on July 11, 2011, at Hidden Valley Lake Association’s recreation room at 10:30 a.m. The presentation will include basics for planning a garden, soil preparation, irrigation controller types, and drought tolerant plants that grow well in the Hidden Valley Lake area.

District promotes water awareness at public events and school activities. Further information is available on the District’s website and in the quarterly newsletter, and leaflets are available at the District Office.

Please contact Tami Ipsen with any queries regarding water conservation at 987-9201.



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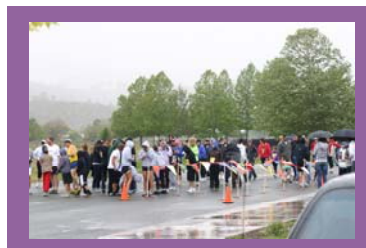
Coyote Valley Elementary School Students Visit Water Reclamation Plant

On May 6, 2011, 28 Coyote Valley Elementary School students from the GATE program and Mrs. Harris’ 3rd grade class visited the Water Reclamation Plant. The tour was triggered by one of Mrs. Harris’ students, Julianne Carter. Julianne did her 2010 science project on the water quality of Hidden Valley Lake, and she presented her project and her findings to the Hidden Valley Lake Committee earlier this year. District Staff was very impressed by the presentation and followed up with a letter of acknowledgement and an invitation for Julianne’s class to tour the Water Reclamation Plant.

The students split into three groups and took turns learning about different aspects of wastewater treatment. Dave Burns, Wastewater Lead Operator, led students through the lab where they learned about the micro-organisms that process the wastewater into reclaimed water. Cory Ipsen, Operator I, explained the aeration basin and how wastewater is processed when it is received at the plant. Paul Silva, Utility Worker, presented the water reclamation pond and sludge beds. Students learned how sludge is dewatered in the geo tube until it is dry enough to transport to a certified dump site. They were able to walk around the reclamation pond observing wildlife and the results of the reclaimed water process.



Spring has Sprung Event - Rain or Shine the Runners Came!



On your mark, get set...GO!!!! The Lake County Milers spread across the Hidden Valley Lake pavement for their annual “Spring Has Sprung” event on May 15, 2011. In the mist of the rain 150 participants ran and walked the 5k or 10k course. The Hidden Valley Lake CSD sponsored the event and was on hand to promote water awareness. The Lake County Milers donated \$900 to each track team from Upper Lake and Middletown High Schools track teams.

Rising Cost of Water

Article provided by Association of California Water Agencies

California tap water is an incredible value, especially when compared to bottled water and other everyday products.

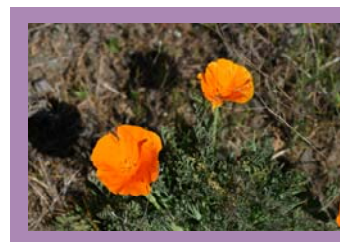
In most communities, tap water costs less than a penny per gallon – a true bargain considering the energy and expertise it takes to treat and deliver safe and reliable water to your home.

The cost of treating and delivering water to your tap is going up for several reasons, including:

- **Rising treatment costs.** Increasingly stringent drinking water regulations have made it necessary for many water suppliers to invest in costly new treatment technologies. That adds to the cost of providing water.
- **Aging water infrastructure.** Many local and regional water systems were built decades ago. Repairing and upgrading aging systems to ensure reliable water supplies can account for a significant portion of monthly water bills.
- **Increasing energy costs.** It takes lots of electricity to pump, treat and deliver water. Rising costs for energy directly affect the cost of delivering water to consumers.
- **Environmental regulations.** Requirements to protect endangered species have added to the cost of delivering water in many parts of the state.
- **Investing in new supplies.** Local water agencies are investing billions of dollars in local strategies such as water recycling and conservation to stretch supplies and increase reliability. Additional investments are required under state legislation enacted in 2009. Monthly water bills may reflect a portion of these costs.
- **Reduced revenues due to conservation.** Californians have responded to recent water shortages by using less water. Water agencies appreciate their customers’ efforts to conserve, but the drop in water sales translates to reduced revenues for water agencies, even as the fixed costs of delivering water remain the same. Some water agencies may need to raise water rates to keep safe and reliable water flowing to their customers.

Consumer Confidence Report

Enclosed is your copy of the Hidden Valley Lake CSD’s Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for the 2010 calendar year as required by state law. In order to meet standards, specific language must be used and may be difficult to translate. Rest assured the report indicates the District meets all State and federal requirements.



4th Annual Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament Benefit for Toys for Kids



Last year the Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament raised over \$6,000 for the Toys for Kids Drive and helped provide toys for 800 children in Lake County. This year, Toys for Kids will once again sponsor a Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament on July 3rd at the Hidden Valley Lake golf course, 8:30 a.m. shotgun.

The Toys for Kids Committee would like to extend a special “Thank You” to Frances Bunce and Bob Cummeskey for putting together the tournament rules and guidelines, which includes Having FUN!!!!

If you have any questions, would like to be a sponsor for this event, or would like to donate an item for the raffle please contact Tami Ipsen at 987-9201. Your support is appreciated! Thank you!

Entry forms are available at the Hidden Valley Lake Golf Course Pro Shop and the Hidden Valley Lake CSD Office.