



El Toro Water District

WaterViews

NEW HUELL HOWSER SERIES "CALIFORNIA'S WATER"

A new PBS television series is up and running that serves to educate the general public about California's most precious natural resource. "California's Water" is a multi-part series produced by Huell Howser and underwritten by members of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). El Toro Water District is an active member of ACWA.



Huell Howser at the Delta.

The series explores California's water resources and the complex system of natural and man-made features that has allowed growing cities, productive farms and ecosystems to co-exist in a state that receives little or no rain for months at a time.

California has many challenges today in providing a safe reliable water supply to its growing population and related industrial, agricultural, urban and wildlife needs. As Huell points out, there is no new water on earth. We only have what has been here since the beginning of time and we need to treat it wisely.

Segments have begun to air and will continue to roll out over the next several months on all 13 PBS stations. Topics covered in the series include an overview of the state's water system, the Delta, water recycling, watershed, the Colorado River and much more. An updated schedule of airdates for these and other segments can be found at www.etwd.com and clicking the "What's New" button or by visiting www.acwa.com.

The "California's Water" series is bringing the key messages of ACWA's policy

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Huell Howser interviews Jeff McCracken of the Bureau of Reclamation at Folsom Dam.

document, *No Time to Waste: A Blueprint for California Water*, to the public in a user-friendly manner.

In each “California Water” segment, Huell Howser visits features of California’s water system and gets a first-hand look at various water management tools and challenges facing the state’s water future. Known for his enthusiasm and his down-to-earth style, Howser hosts the long running PBS series “California Gold” as well as several other human-interest programs.

Tune in and learn about:

- The Colorado River*
- Water Storage*
- Conservation*
- Regional Planning*
- Living in a Watershed*
- Flood Control*
- California’s Bay Delta*
- Desalting Ocean Water*



Huell Howser interviews Vernon Silva of Ford Construction Company as the crew builds up levees on the San Joaquin River.

Copies of the “California’s Water Series” can be borrowed on a first come-first serve basis from El Toro Water District for schools, libraries and interested community organizations. For more information, please call (949)-837-7050, Ext. 239.

Huell Howser and the people he meets along the way will make it enjoyable and relevant to the lives of viewers who tune in. ♦

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Connecting/Terminating Water & Sewer

Service may be initiated or terminated during office hours by calling Customer Service at (949) 837-0660 or stopping by the main office Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM or Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

One working day’s notice is required for any change in service.



Vacation Billing

Please remember us when you go on vacation. If you let Customer Service know in advance, we will make special payment arrangements with you to accommodate an extended vacation. Planning ahead will avoid disconnection of your service and costly reconnection fees.

If you require special assistance or have any questions about your service, please call our Customer Service Department. ♦

THE HOLIDAYS ARE FAST APPROACHING

Don’t Let Your Meals Create a Spill

Grease poured down drains is the leading cause of sewage spills.

Grease needs to be handled carefully all year round, but especially during the holidays. Many families will cook special meals to share with family and friends. But the larger quantity of grease created by cooking a turkey, ham or roast can result in problems within your home’s sewer pipes or within your neighborhood if not disposed of properly.



Never pour grease down your sink drain, toilet or garbage disposal!

Instead, pour grease into a can and refrigerate or freeze until solid and then dispose of the can on trash day. An empty soup can works well for everyday cooking. However, for larger holiday meals you may want to save a coffee can to hold the grease. Wipe excess grease from pots, pans and utensils with paper towels before washing. These simple steps will help ETWD protect the environment by preventing sewer spills. ♦

WATER CONSERVATION CORNER

Suggested Weekly Watering Schedule

Weekly Watering Schedule for Spray Head Irrigation Systems

	Turf Grass	Trees, shrubs groundcover
October	3 days 2 cycles of 3 minutes	2 days 2 cycles of 3 minutes
November	2 days 2 cycles of 3 minutes	1 day 2 cycles of 4 minutes
December	2 days 2 cycles of 2 minutes	1 day 2 cycles of 3 minutes

Top 10 Tips for Saving Water

Have you ever been interested in knowing what you can do to save water, but weren't sure how to go about it? Well, here are some tips to help you out. While all of the tips won't apply, most will be helpful in saving **our most precious resource—WATER!**

- ◆ Water your lawn only when it needs it. Step on your grass and if it springs back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water.
- ◆ Fix or report leaky faucets, running toilets, or sprinkler problems.
- ◆ Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end.
- ◆ Install water-saving showerheads and Ultra Low-Flush or High Efficiency Toilets
- ◆ Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.
- ◆ Shorten your shower time. Even a one or two-minute reduction can save up to 700 gallons per month.
- ◆ Use a broom instead of a hose to clean drive ways and sidewalks.
- ◆ Don't use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket.
- ◆ Capture tap water. While you wait for hot water to come through the pipes, catch the flow in a watering can and use later on house plants or your garden.
- ◆ Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap water to cool it for drinking.



LIMITED TIME OFFER

Homeowners that upgrade their outdoor sprinkler system with a "smart" controller can receive up to a **\$500** rebate.

Reduce outdoor water use up to 25%, increase the health and appearance of your landscape, and reduce runoff.

For complete details, please call **1-866-846-3725** or visit www.mwdoc.com/Smartimer/.

High Efficiency Toilet (HET) Rebate Program

HETs include either pressure-assisted flushing or dual-flush technology to achieve greater water savings. Orange County residents can receive up to a **\$150 rebate** for purchasing and installing a new HET. The rebate does not cover installation costs. HETs purchased on or after July 1, 2006 must be on the list of approved HETs and replace toilets manufactured before 1992 in order to be eligible for rebate. The HET list is available on the District's website or call **1-866-846-3725**.



****FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY, Orange County residents can receive a \$250 rebate for replacing a pre-1992 toilet with a new high efficiency toilet. Offer valid for the first 2,000 HETs submitted or while funding lasts. After the allocation of 2,000 has been exhausted, the rebate amount will revert to \$150.**

For additional rebates, please visit www.etwd.com.

Water Education Corner



THE OCEAN BEGINS AT YOUR FRONT DOOR

Even though you live miles from the Pacific Ocean, you may be polluting it without knowing it.

Trash and household toxins dumped on the street go straight to the beaches. Unlike household sewer drains which lead to a sewage treatment plant, public storm drains and flood channels carry water, litter and toxic substances directly to the ocean.



Urban pollutants, such as oil, and other automotive fluids, paint, yard and pet wastes, construction debris, pesticides, fertilizers and cleaners can wind up in the street.

A little water from rain or a garden hose can carry automotive and household toxic materials through the storm drains to the flood control channel and ocean.

Polluted urban runoff contaminates the ocean and beaches, harms aquatic life and increases the risk of flooding by clogging gutters and catch basins.

You can help control water contamination by being aware of the sources and the activities that contribute to storm water pollution.

For more information on things you can do to make a difference, please visit ETWD's website and click on "Watershed Management". **LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR CREEKS AND THE PACIFIC OCEAN CLEAN AND POLLUTION FREE!**◆

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The Mission of the El Toro Water District is to plan and invest appropriately to provide its customers a safe, adequate and reliable supply of water, wastewater and recycled water service in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

Water Views is published quarterly to keep water users in the El Toro Water District informed about water and wastewater related issues and events. It is prepared by District staff. [Your comments and suggestions are welcomed.](#) Please call Customer Service at (949) 837-0660 or visit our website at www.etwd.com. The El Toro Water District is a California Water District governed by an elected Board of Directors.

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