

# El Toro Water District

“Serving the Public - Respecting the Environment”

## WaterViews

### 1960 - 2005 ETWD'S 45th ANNIVERSARY

**El Toro Water District will  
Proudly Celebrate 45 Years  
of Reliable Service  
to our Customers**



*The first meeting among El Toro local land-owners to discuss forming a water district was called by Raymond Prothero, Sr. on August 12, 1959 at 23572 S. Prothero Drive at his kitchen table. Today the street is Cornelius Drive in Lake Forest. ETWD was formed in November 1960.*

**Watch for more information!  
Visit us at [www.etwd.com](http://www.etwd.com)**

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### WATER SUPPLY PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

In 1995, the California Water Code initiated requirements for urban water suppliers like the El Toro Water District to routinely evaluate future water supply, efficient uses of water, water service reliability, water demand management measures and new source water program implementation schedules. It is that time again and El Toro Water District is well on its way to finalizing its Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) update for 2005. The UWMP must be evaluated and updated every five years and will be formally adopted by the District's Board of Directors and submitted to the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in December 2005.

In addition to filing the 2005 UWMP with DWR, it will be filed with the California State Library, the County of Orange and the cities that the District serves. To ensure that a regional approach is used in the analysis, the District is preparing the UWMP in consultation with our regional wholesale water supplier, the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC). The completed UWMP will serve as a short and long term foundation document and source of information for:

- Directing the District's financial investments in water resource efficiency and reliability programs
- A long-range planning document for water supply
- Source data for development of a diversified state-wide water plan

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- A source document for the cities and the county as they prepare their General Land Use Plans (Closely ties land-use planning and water supply reliability)

*The UWMP topics will cover:*

- Sources of water
- Projected water demand
- Reliability of water service
- Water quality
- Water conservation efforts
- Contingency planning for water shortages
- Proposed resource investments
- **Community involvement and input**



*Southern California relies on a diversified portfolio of water supply programs.*

The District is seeking public input. The draft 2005 UWMP will be submitted to the county and the cities that we serve for their review and comment. We also want to make the UWMP available to interested customers within the community for their review and input. ***The District's Board of Directors will consider public input on the final draft UWMP at a public hearing which, is scheduled to take place at 8:00 a.m. on November 22, 2005. The draft document should be available for public review at the District's Administrative Offices on or before November 10, 2005.***

If you would like to review the document please contact our Customer Service representatives at (949) 837-0660 or **visit our website at [www.etwd.com](http://www.etwd.com) and click on the "What's New" link.** We look forward to your input as we plan for and ensure a reliable supply of high quality water for future generations to come. ♡

## Community Advisory Group Meetings

On behalf of the Board and staff of El Toro Water District, we would like to invite you to attend our Community Advisory Group (CAG) meetings. To enhance communication between the District and the community that we serve, the Board of Directors of ETWD in 1993 approved the formation of the CAG. The CAG provides a forum for establishing and maintaining open and effective communication with our customers.



ETWD's service area is quite diverse in terms of business and commercial interests including a large retirement community, a regional shopping mall, a regional hospital, numerous elementary and middle schools, a large number of single-family and multi-family dwellings and mobile-home parks. As the District plans for the future, it is essential that we understand what issues are important to our customers. The CAG meeting topics are as diverse as the community we serve. Topics include, but are not limited to, discussions regarding annual budgets, future water supply, water use efficiency practices, regional coordination between local governments, water quality, regulatory and environmental mandates and relative legislative activity.

At El Toro Water District, we place great value in the interests and concerns of the people we serve, and the CAG has been an important feature of our planning for the District. We believe you will find the meetings as interesting as they are significant. We look forward to a continued informative exchange of information between you, elected officials and the ETWD staff.

### **CAG MEETING - December 8, 2005**

**12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.**

#### **2006 CAG Meeting Schedule**

<b>March</b>	<b>June</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>December</b>

**Reservations are required. Please contact Linda Mansouri at (949) 837-7050, ext. 230 to get further information and/or to RSVP. ♡**

# WATER CONSERVATION CORNER

October is typically a month of high over-watering because it may still feel hot. However, the ET (evapotranspiration rate), the target amount of water for plants, is dropping rapidly and summer schedules may still be programmed into irrigation controllers. It's time to change controllers by reducing irrigation schedules.

## Suggested Weekly Watering Schedule

Weekly Watering Schedule for Spray Head Irrigation Systems		
	Turf Grass	Trees, shrubs groundcover
September	4 days 2 cycles of 3 minutes	2 days 2 cycles of 4 minutes
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

## TOP "10" TIPS FOR SAVING WATER

1. Water your lawn only when it needs it. Install "Smartimer" Irrigation Controllers.
2. Fix or report leaky faucets, running toilets, or sprinkler problems.
3. Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end.
4. Install water-saving showerheads and Ultra Low-Flush Toilets.
5. Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.
6. Take shorter showers.
7. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean drive ways and sidewalks.
8. Don't use your toilet as an ashtray or waste basket.
9. 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.
10. Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator. ♡

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## Smart Timer Program Rebate

El Toro Water District, in partnership with regional water agencies, is providing rebates for ETWD residents to upgrade old irrigation controllers to new "smart" technology. These state-of-the-art controllers, called Smart Timers, conserve water, save money and reduce urban runoff by automating landscape watering based on the weather and water needs of plants.

Chronic over-watering can be caused by irrigation system schedules not being adjusted to reflect the ever-changing weather conditions. Smart Timers reduce excessive irrigation by utilizing historic weather cycles or "real-time" climate information to make frequent weather-based adjustments to irrigation schedules with no manual controller changes needed.

ETWD encourages your participation in this program. To find out if you qualify for a Smart Timer rebate, please call 1-866-84-3725 or visit [www.mwdoc.com/SmarTimer/](http://www.mwdoc.com/SmarTimer/). ♡

# Water Education Corner



## SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM EXPANDS

### MWDOC & Discovery Science Center See 31 Percent Increase in First Year of Program Partnership

The Municipal Water District of Orange County's (MWDOC) School Education Program is one of the most successful and well-recognized water education program in Southern California, reaching more than 2.5 million Orange County students since its formation in 1973.

Last year MWDOC formed a partnership with the Discovery Science Center to reach more students and provide them with even greater educational experiences in water and science.

More than 65,000 students in grades K-5 participated in the program during the first year. This is a 31% increase in students from the previous year. MWDOC-trained teachers conduct in-class or assembly-style instruction, which is grade-specific and meets state curriculum standards. Students learn about water scarcity, water pollution, water conservation, water storage, treatment and water recycling. These programs and booklets are free to the students of their schools.♦

If you are interested in having your child's school participate in these free programs, contact the Discovery Science Center at (714) 913-5030 or visit the MWDOC Web site, [www.mwdoc.com](http://www.mwdoc.com), and click on "For Students & Teachers."

## EL TORO WATER DISTRICT

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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](http://www.etwd.com). The El Toro Water District is a California Water District governed by an elected Board of Directors.

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