



# El Toro Water District

# WaterViews



*The El Toro Water District Board of Directors and Staff want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you.*

*We wish you the season's best.*

*Happy New Year.*

## ETWD Adopts Regional Water and Wastewater Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

The El Toro Water District is dedicated to ensuring high quality reliable service to its customers and to safeguarding those services when disaster strikes. The District's long history of emergency preparation and response planning has recently been enhanced through participation in the development of the Orange County Regional Water and Wastewater Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.



ETWD Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

A collaborative effort by 20 water agencies serving Orange County culminated in a regional pre-disaster strategic plan written in an effort to lower risk and exposure to man-made and natural disasters.

The agencies worked closely with a professional consultant to identify natural and man-made hazard exposures for the region and each specific agency. As a participant in the

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process, District staff reviewed hazard exposures identified by the consultant, identified critical infrastructure and developed replacement cost estimates. The comprehensive evaluation of the District's water and wastewater system resulted in the development of specific hazard mitigation objectives, goals and actions that will be incorporated into the

District's short and long-range Operations and Capital Facility Improvement Plan.

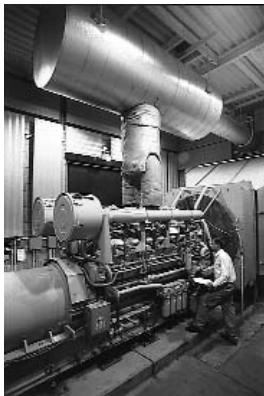
In addition to identifying opportunities to improve preparedness and

reduce the risk of our water and wastewater system being out of service, the participating agencies became eligible to receive FEMA grants, which can ease the financial impacts of emergency preparedness planning and the response measures developed before and after natural and man-made disasters.

General Manager, Bob Hill, indicated that "participation in the year long collaborative effort complemented the District's on-going emergency preparedness efforts and enhanced coordination within the region." Hill further stated that "providing cost effective reliable services that preserve the public health and safety of the communities we serve remains the primary objective of the District's Board of Directors and staff."◆



ETWD Regional Emergency Reservoir  
275 Million Gallons



ETWD Back-up Power Generator  
1.2 Mega Watt

## NO DRUGS DOWN THE DRAIN



### UNUSED MEDICATIONS SHOULD BE

1

Taken to a household hazardous waste collection center (no controlled substances allowed) or

2

Put in a sturdy, securely sealed container, then in a trash can where children and animals can't reach them.

Unused prescription and over-the-counter medications that are put in drains or flushed down the toilet pollute the environment, so please take as prescribed and dispose of any unused portions properly. Nearby household hazardous waste collection centers are located at 6411 Oak Canyon, Irvine and 32250 La Pata Ave., San Juan Capistrano

[www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org](http://www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org)

## HOLIDAY FAMILY CELEBRATION

ETWD helped kick off the holidays by sponsoring a booth at the City of Laguna Hills Chamber of Commerce Holiday Family Celebration at the Laguna Hills Mall on Saturday, November 11, 2006. Local restaurants, businesses, police, fire and military personnel were all in attendance. ETWD discussed water conservation and it's Fats, Oils and Grease program with the public. Adults and children were challenged to answer water-related questions from the water wheel. Educational literature and giveaways were also available.◆



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# WATER CONSERVATION CORNER

## Suggested Weekly Watering Schedule

### Weekly Watering Schedule for Spray Head Irrigation Systems

	Turf Grass	Trees, shrubs groundcover
December	2 days 2 cycles of 2 minutes	1 day 2 cycles of 3 minutes
January	2 days 2 cycles of 2 minutes	1 days 2 cycles of 3 minutes
February	2 days 2 cycles of 2 minutes	1 day 2 cycles of 3 minutes

## Home Gardner's Water Conservation Workshop

Saturday, March 10, 2007  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

El Toro Water District in partnership with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Moulton Niguel Water District are hosting a mini water conservation workshop designed to educate residents on how to create and maintain a beautiful water-efficient landscape. The following topics will be covered:

#### Basic Landscape Design

- ◆ Getting Started
- ◆ The Design Process
- ◆ The Planting Design
- ◆ Plant Selection

#### Landscape Plants

- ◆ Why go Native
- ◆ Plant Selection Tips
- ◆ Planting Guidelines
- ◆ Maintenance
- ◆ Some Plant Choices

#### Landscape Sprinkler Systems

- ◆ The Irrigation System
- ◆ Layout of the Irrigation System
- ◆ Components of the System
- ◆ Good Installation & Maintenance Practices

#### Landscape Watering & Fertilizing

- ◆ Scheduling your Irrigation
- ◆ MWD's Watering Calculator
- ◆ Controller Programming Basics
- ◆ Fertilizers

For more information or to RSVP, please call  
Sherri Seitz (949) 837-7050 x239 by February 1, 2007.



## 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/](http://www.mwdoc.com/Smartimer/).

## High Efficiency Toilet (HET) Rebate Program

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. HET's must be installed in Orange County and purchased after February, 16, 2006.

The rebate does not cover installation costs. HET's must be on the list of approved HETs in order to be eligible for rebate. For more information or the approved HET list, please visit the District's website [www.etwd.com](http://www.etwd.com) or call **1-866-846-3725**. ◆

# Water Education Corner



## SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM

### MWDOC & Discovery Science Center See a 48 Percent Increase in First Two Years 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 programs in Southern California, reaching more than 2.5 million Orange County students since its formation in 1973.



*Photo courtesy of the Discovery Science Center*

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."

MWDOC formed a partnership with the Discovery Science Center in 2004 to reach more students and provide them with even greater educational experiences in water and science. More than 73,000 students in grades K through 5 participated in the program last 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, water treatment and water recycling. These programs and booklets are free to the students of their schools. ♠

## 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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