

WaterSpots

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Water Rate Increase Passed

The new water rates are in effect. We would like to thank all of the customers who supported this necessary increase. The increase will fund our operational expenses including general operating costs, preventative well maintenance, mandated testing requirements, leak repairs and unfunded pension liabilities. The water rate change went into effect June 16, 2018 for monthly billed customers and July 1, 2018 for bi-monthly billed customers.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

If you use your bank bill pay service, please remember to change the amount withdrawn if you have it set up as automatic pay. A bill pay service is normally offered as a free service by most banks. Inquire with your bank to authorize and set Del Paso Manor Water District as a payee. Use the billing address: 1817 Maryal Drive, Ste. 300, Sacramento, CA 95864. Don't forget to include your account number.

BIG Savings through Bond Refinancing

In 2010 when the Board issued the first bond, it was discussed that refinancing would be considered when an opportunity became available and made financial sense. The Board kept their word! At the June 4 meeting, the Board authorized bond refinancing which will result in a savings of more than \$530,000 over the remaining life of the bond. This savings will free up funds to assist with the master plan projects.



Ken

CONSERVATION CORNER

Ken's Summer Tips for You

As summer temperatures are soaring, it's a good time to remember seasonal water conservation tips:

- ◆ Be sure to use a shut off nozzle when washing automobiles
- ◆ Avoid hosing off driveways, walkways and hardscapes
- ◆ Water lawns early morning or late evening when temperatures are coolest
- ◆ Check sprinklers regularly; repair/adjust broken sprinkler heads to prevent spray on hardscapes or property run-off
- ◆ Use recirculating pumps in fountains
- ◆ Go to **bewatersmart.info** for more useful tips!

What Year Are We Operating Under?

There are so many ways to define a "year" for us here at Del Paso Manor Water District. As a District, we manage different compliances that work on different "years." Here is a brief insight to our "years."



Fiscal: We operate our budget and audits on a "fiscal year" of July 1 to June 30. Some other government agencies use a fiscal year of October 1 to September 30.



Calendar: For payroll and some state reporting, we operate under a "calendar year" of January 1 to December 31.



Water: The U.S. Geological Survey defines a "water year" as a period that measures the "amount of rainfall for the 12-month period" from October 1 to September 30.

How the New Water Conservation Laws Affect You

You may have heard of two new water use bills signed into law by Governor Brown: Senate Bill 606 (Hertzberg) and Assembly Bill 1668 (Friedman). These two bills provide a framework for setting water use targets for urban water districts. The new standard for indoor residential water use of 55 gallons per person per day is one component of the water purveyor's budget. This drops incrementally to 50 gallons per person per day beginning in 2030. These bills affect customers in urban water districts only.

Del Paso Manor Water District is not considered an urban water district due to its size so, at this time, you are not affected. However, we will encourage everyone to use water wisely and efficiently to help preserve this natural resource.

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