



**NORTH MARIN
WATER DISTRICT**

THE WATER LINE

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Water Supply Update

This summer NMWD customers were supplied with potable water from the Russian River and Stafford Lake, and with recycled water from the completed expansion project. Currently 42 irrigation sites use recycled water which frees up potable supply for other uses and helps make Novato's water supply more reliable, especially in dry years. NMWD appreciates the understanding of our customers during the recycled water expansion project construction. Another phase of the recycled water expansion is planned to begin in 2018.

Stafford Lake is nearing its' seasonal low as local water supply, principally stored in December 2012, has been treated and delivered to Novato customers. On the Russian River, Lake Mendocino is at a very low level going into the winter rainy season. Less water was held in Lake Mendocino at the end of September compared to this year only in years 1961, 1976, 1977 and 2002. Lake Sonoma on the Russian River is at 75% of capacity and holds ample water supply, yet the ability to deliver this water competes with fishery protection needs in Dry Creek and the Russian River. We don't know what next years' rainy season will bring, and customers are urged to participate in the



Expanded Recycled Water is Here!

NMWD is working with the Novato Sanitary District (NSD) and Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District (LGVSD) to expand the use of recycled water in Novato. This past year you have likely observed recycled water pipeline construction work in both North and South Novato. The Novato North Area pipeline construction is complete and to date, 15 sites are now receiving recycled water from NSD, including Fireman's Fund and Valley Memorial Park Cemetery. Recycled water pipeline construction in the South Novato (Hamilton) area is complete and NMWD is serving recycled water from LGVSD to 27 sites.

For more information on the Recycled Water Expansion Project, please visit www.nmwd.com.

Fall is Here! Shorter days and cooler temperatures are here. Remember to turn off or adjust watering times for your irrigation system. As plants slow their growth with the decreasing daylight, they also slow down their water use. When you turn your clocks back, consider turning your sprinklers off.

Water Smart Savings programs outlined in this WaterLine.

The first construction phase of the Aqueduct Energy Efficiency Project and relocation of the North Marin Aqueduct just west of US101 from San Antonio Road to Novato is nearly complete. Customers (and motorists) have observed new large diameter pipelines (with white exterior

coating) being installed since spring. This project, triggered by the CalTrans Marin-Sonoma Narrows US101 Highway widening project, will enable NMWD to receive Russian River water without the energy or pumping costs associated with the Kastania Pump Station operation. The next phase of the project, from San Antonio Road to Kastania Road is scheduled to begin next spring.

Smart move.

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Water-saving tips shown as Scrabble tiles: S₁, W₄, A₁, T₁, E₁, R₁, V₄, E₁.

Call today to schedule your **Free Water Smart Home Survey:** 707-547-1909



High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate

Don't flush money away. Now you can get a rebate when you replace your non-water-conserving toilet with a High-Efficiency Toilet (HET). HETs use 20% less water than standard ultra-low flush toilets, so not only will you save water, but you'll save money, too. HETs eligible for rebate must be EPA WaterSense approved models. Call for rebate values and participation details or visit www.nmwd.com.



High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate Program

High Efficiency clothes washers can save up to 50% of the water used and 65% of the energy used compared to conventional top-loading clothes washers. NMWD currently offers a rebate to customers when they purchase a qualifying high-efficiency clothes washer. Call for rebate value and participation details, or visit www.nmwd.com.

Water Smart Home Survey

NMWD offers free *Water Smart Home Surveys* as the cornerstone of the *Water Smart Savings Program*. This **free** service includes indoor and outdoor water efficiency checks, a landscape irrigation system efficiency test and a leak detection test.

Our friendly, knowledgeable survey technicians can show how you can easily conserve more water and save money. Best of all, your appointment can be scheduled at a time that is convenient for you. **How to Participate?** Call (707) 547-1909 to set up your free appointment.

Cash for Grass

As part of the Water Smart Savings Program, you can get cash back when you remove your regularly mowed and irrigated lawn and re-landscape with District approved low-water use plants or District approved synthetic turf. Pre-inspection and re-landscaping plan approval required. Call for rebate values and complete program participation details or visit www.nmwd.com.



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