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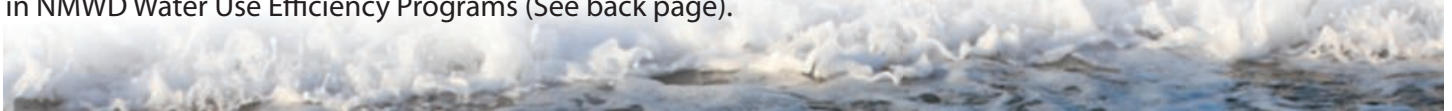
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West Marin Water Supply

Chris DeGabriele, General Manager

Water supplied by North Marin Water District (NMWD) to our West Marin customers is diverted from shallow wells adjacent to Lagunitas Creek near the U.S. Coast Guard Housing Facility in Point Reyes Station. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has determined that Lagunitas Creek is fully appropriated in summer months of dry years and has ordered NMWD to find an alternative source of water during July through October of dry years. (A dry year occurs when total precipitation from October 1 to April 1 is less than 28 inches measured at Marin Municipal Water District's Kent Lake). NMWD has complied by purchasing a portion of the more senior Giacomini Ranch water right to use during those periods.

Rainfall at Kent Lake through April 1, 2012 totals over 37 inches. While this will not be a dry year, one of NMWD's wells is failing and must be reconstructed. NMWD will be unable to avoid salinity intrusion into the water supply until the reconstructed well is on-line. West Marin customers are encouraged to use water efficiently and participate in NMWD Water Use Efficiency Programs (See back page).



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Water Smart Savings Program

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North Marin Water District wants to help customers use water efficiently. That's why we've put all of our water saving promotions under one umbrella. The *Water Smart Savings Program* encompasses all you need to get started on saving water and saving money. Call (415) 897-4133 ext. 8711 for program details or visit www.nmwd.com.

Cash for Grass



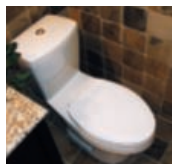
As part of the Water Smart Savings Program, you can get cash back when you remove your regularly mowed and irrigated lawn and re-landscape with California native low-water use plants or District approved synthetic turf. Pre-inspection and re-landscaping plan approval required. Call for rebate values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

Drip Irrigation Seminar

North Marin Water District, in partnership with the Marin chapter of the California Native Plant Society and the Urban Farmer Store, is sponsoring a seminar and workshop on roots and drip irrigation for native plant gardens.

On Thursday, May 31st from 7 to 9 pm at NMWD headquarters in Novato, Robert Kourik will present "Roots and Drip Irrigation". Then on Saturday, June 2nd from 10 to noon, the Urban Farmer Store will conduct an outdoor, hands-on workshop on "The Practical Aspects of Drip Irrigation" at Marin CNPS' new demonstration garden within Green Point Nursery. Urban Farmer staff will guide participants on the installation of the irrigation systems.

For the workshop, please wear gardening clothes and shoes, and bring your gloves! Heavy rain cancels the June 2nd workshop. This is a FREE event but space is limited. Call to sign up at 897-4133 ext. 8711.



High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate

Don't flush money away. Now you can get a rebate when you replace your non-water-conserving toilets 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 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 qualifying high-efficiency clothes washer. Call for rebate value and participation details, or visit www.nmwd.com.



NMWD is on Facebook

NMWD regularly updates its Facebook page with useful information on water use efficiency programs, water supply and other important NMWD information. Find North Marin Water District on Facebook and "Like" us, today.

Other Water Smart Savings Programs

The District offers other rebates in our Water Smart Savings Program including rainwater harvesting, graywater and flapper rebates along with free water smart sink aerators, showerheads and leak detection tablets at the NMWD headquarters. Visit www.nmwd.com for participation information on these and other water smart savings programs.



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Do your part. Be water smart.

