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Water Supply Update

This summer NMWD customers were supplied with potable water from the Russian River and Stafford Lake. Stone Tree Golf Course and Fire Station 62 used recycled water for irrigation. Expansion of the NMWD recycled water system continues with most of the construction in North Novato completed. A final phase of construction in the Hamilton Field area will continue this winter. NMWD appreciates the understanding of our customers as these major construction projects have been ongoing.

The current water supplies on the Russian River system are at good levels going into the winter rainy season. At Stafford Lake water supply is 6 feet (298 million gallons) below average due to limited rainfall last winter. Through the first 3 months of this fiscal year water sales are up slightly when compared to the same period last year. Revenue projections are on track and District costs are being closely monitored to stay within budget.

The first phase of Aqueduct Energy Efficiency Project construction, which will up size portions of the NMWD aqueduct from Petaluma to Novato, will begin in Spring 2013. 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

Expanded Recycled Water is Almost Here!

NMWD is working with Novato Sanitary District and Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District to expand the use of recycled water in Novato. This past year you have likely observed the recycled water pipeline construction work on Olive Avenue, Redwood Blvd and Wood Hollow Drive, as a part of the Novato North Area Recycled Water Expansion Project. The Novato North Area construction is nearly completed and street and landscape restoration efforts will begin as weather permits. Recycled water construction in the Novato South Area (Hamilton) has been occurring along Main Gate Rd, Hamilton Parkway and Bolling Circle over the summer/fall. There will be continued construction in the Novato South Area along Hamilton Parkway, and Hanger Avenue in early summer 2013. Once pipeline construction is completed, all affected streets will be restored according to the City of Novato standards.

This recycled water expansion project has been designed to provide water for many of the large landscapes in Novato, and is expected to offset approximately 130 million gallons of potable water use each year. This project is partially funded by Federal and State Grant Funds with the remainder funded by low interest loans to be repaid with new development connection fees. For more information on the Recycled Water Expansion Project, please visit www.nmwd.com, where you can download a Novato Recycled Water Program Summary sheet, Frequently Asked Questions, maps showing planned pipeline routes and a list of properties that are identified to receive recycled water. Construction schedule updates will be available at www.nmwd.com, and also on our Facebook page

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. Cut back on watering as needed — sometimes by as much one third to one half.

costs associated with the Kastania Pump Station operation. The costs to stretch our existing water supplies coupled with the costs to meet fisheries obligations on the Russian River have required a series of rate increases, the next of which is scheduled for

June 1, 2013. Still, the current cost of water service for a typical Novato customer is a good value and falls below the median of 16 comparable urban retail SF Bay Area water agencies (see www.nmwd.com/account.php#NovatoComparison).

New Native Plant Demonstration Garden at Green Point Nursery



The California Native Plant Society, Marin Chapter, now has a beautiful native plant demonstration garden at Green Point Nursery. The garden includes many native plants perfect for low water use landscapes here in Novato, and each plant is labeled with the botanical and common name, and some might even be available for sale. The garden is irrigated with a water efficient drip irrigation system and includes demonstrations of an individual emitter and in-line drip grid systems. There is also a no-mow lawn garden that demonstrates the latest in irrigation technology including a weather-based irrigation controller. In addition, the demo garden now uses recycled water. You can visit the garden at Green Point Nursery, 275 Olive Avenue, Novato, open Monday through Friday 11am-4pm (Saturday seasonally), and learn something new about native plants and water efficient irrigations systems suitable for your landscape.

Call today to schedule your **Free Water Smart Home Survey:** 415-897-4133 ext. 8711



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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. This year's programs are enhanced with additional funding from a Prop 84 Grant. Act now while funds last!

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.

Water Smart Landscape Efficiency Rebate

Water efficient landscapes can be achieved through a number of strategies including efficient irrigation devices and equipment, and soil maintenance.

You may be eligible for rebates (call for rebate amounts and participation details or visit www.nmwd.com) when you install District-qualified water-efficient landscape equipment including:

- Drip irrigation systems
- Weather Based Irrigation Controllers
- Check valves
- Multi-stream rotating sprinkler nozzles (for lawn areas only)
- Rain shut-off devices
- Mulch
- Water pressure-regulating device
- Soil conditioner/amendment



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 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 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 (415) 897-4133 ext. 8711 to set up your free appointment.

