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SAN JUAN WATER

## WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Thanks to the wet weather in October and December, water supplies in Folsom Reservoir rose to above-normal conditions. In fact, in January, the Bureau of Reclamation had to release extra water from the reservoir, to make room for inflows that will come when the snowpack melts in the spring. Last year, Governor Newsom requested Californians to reduce water use by 15%, and San Juan's customers met and exceeded that goal last fall and into the winter – thank you for your help! Due to the above-normal rainfall and reservoir storage, we are currently operating under normal water supply conditions.

#### WORKSHOPS RESUME SOON

We're excited to bring back our water efficiency and landscape workshops to our customers this year! We're still in the planning stages so keep an eye out on our website and social media for more information.

## TIME TO TUNE-UP YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM

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With the changing seasons, it's time to get those irrigation systems ready! Here's a quick checklist to perform your irrigation tune-up:



Turn your system on one station at a time. Check for broken sprinklers or leaks and make replacements where needed.



Listen for any sprinklers that spit, sputter or hammer when they turn on. If you find one, replace it with a new sprinkler head.



Straighten leaning sprinkler heads and make sure sprinklers don't water driveways, sidewalks or patios.



Make sure your irrigation controller battery works. If it doesn't, your controller will go back to its factory settings if power is lost.

Ensure the right pressure for each spray pattern. If it looks like mist, your water pressure is too high.



**Check your system each month** to keep your system in top-performing shape.

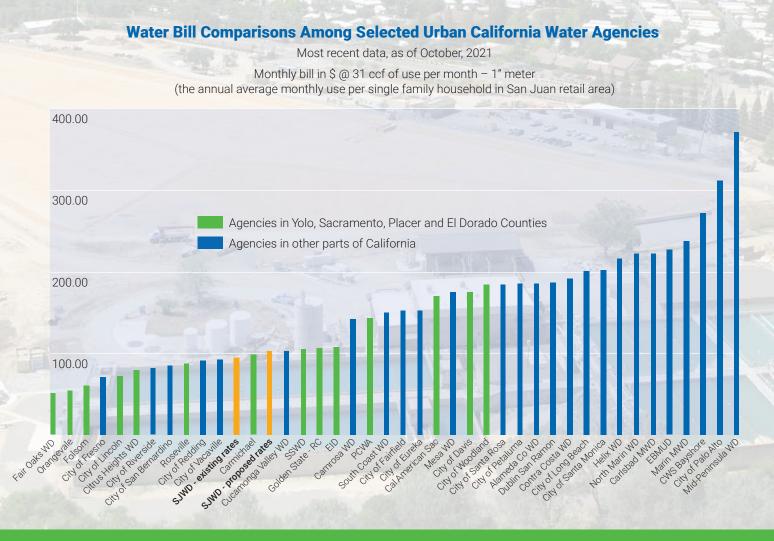
### HEADS UP! RATE CHANGES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1

On January 26, 2022, the Board of Directors approved a three-year rate structure with the first rate adjustment beginning on February 1. You will see a prorated base charge on your March or April bill. The rate adjustments will:

- Fund necessary infrastructure repairs and replacements
- · Maintain and improve financial stability
- Meet required debt service obligations
- Generate funds to support preferable pay-as-you-go future capital funding (avoiding debt financing reduces costs to ratepayers in the long run) We are highly committed to our

customers. Our online transparency hub is a source for detailed information about San Juan operations, finances and governance. It's easy to access and understand. Visit **sjwd.org/ district-transparency** or call us at (916) 791-0115.

The graph shows that San Juan's current and proposed rates remain highly competitive with those both in the region and across the state.



## **PREP YOUR GARDEN** FOR SPRING!

Each month, we're highlighting a different plant on our Facebook (**@SanJuanWaterDistrict**) and Twitter (**@SanJuanWtrDist**). Consider adding one of these to your garden!

#### MARCH

#### Santa Barbara daisy

(Erigeron karvinskianus)
Good in containers or for trailing over a wall
Spreads sparingly by seed in the garden
Blooms profusely from spring through fall
Attracts butterflies and beneficial insects

#### APRIL

Ray Hartman California lilac (Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman') • California native plant • Tolerates some summer irrigation

Makes a good screen or small garden tree

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