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Serving the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario and Upland, as well as Monte Vista and Cucamonga Valley Water Districts.

September 2008

Water Softener Removal Rebate Kick-off

Water Conservation Tip:
Check out Water Smart Rebates available in your area

In an effort to rid the Inland Empire of harmful automatic water softeners, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), in partnership with its local water providers and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has launched a new rebate program offering residents between \$300 and \$2,000 to remove their automatic water softeners. Automatic water softeners are water conditioning systems to which salt is added by the homeowner which consequently releases a salty waste into the sewer system.

On Monday, September 22, 2008, Chino Basin leaders joined the Inland Empire Utilities Agency in a kick-off event for the Automatic Water Softener Removal program. The event took place at Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD).



L to R: Wyatt Troxel - IEUA Board President, Floyd E. Clark, Sr. - CVWD Board of Director, Penny Martin - Upland Resident to receive first Rebate, Angel Santiago - IEUA Board of Director, Ron Sakala - CVWD Board of Director

IEUA is asking our residents to help protect our water quality by removing harmful automatic water softeners from their homes. The automatic water softener removal rebate program provides money back to residents who have invested in a water softener, while ensuring our recycled water projects are protected for the future, which is a win-win situation for customers and the environment.

-IEUA Board President Wyatt Troxel

Landscape Alliance

6 Steps to a Water-Wise Garden

By: Nan Sterman
Sunset Magazine

Here's how to create a beautiful, easy-care landscape that saves water, too

Follow these guidelines to create the most water-efficient garden possible.

1. Consider the soil

Most landscape plants establish faster when planted in native soils without the addition of amendments. If your soil is sandy or rocky, you may need to add compost. Annuals, thirstier perennials, lawns and vegetables benefit from the addition of compost.



2. Choose the right plants

Consider natives or introductions from other Mediterranean climates that have similar rainfall



and soil conditions.

3. Group plants

Site plants with similar water, soil, and light needs together (in areas often referred to as "zones"). Place the most colorful (often the thirstiest) groupings near outdoor living areas.



4. Irrigate efficiently

Use drip irrigation or low-flow spray heads to deliver water directly to the root zone without the overspray or runoff typical of conventional sprinklers.



5. Water deeply

Irrigate plants thoroughly but infrequently to encourage roots to grow downward; they will be buffered from the wet-dry cycle typical of the upper soil area and may even tap into groundwater.

6. Mulch

Cover bare ground with a 3-inch layer of mulch to help conserve soil moisture, suppress weeds, and keep the soil cooler; renew annually. Organic types, such as bark mulch, improves soil structure and encourage beneficial microbes.



Visit www.sunset.com to learn more about making your garden more water-wise

<http://www.ieua.org/alliance.html>

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 9 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Landscape Alliance Board Meeting	Inland Empire Utilities Agency Board Room
Wednesday, October 15 7:30 am - 9:30 am	Breakfast Educational Workshop: Native Plant Care and Maintenance	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
Thursday, October 23 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Technical Meeting: Implementation, Compliance, Supplemental Elements	Inland Empire Utilities Agency Headquarters
Thursday, October 30 8:00 am - 12:00 noon	Water Site Awareness Tour of Best Management Practices	Chino: Planning Commissioners and Key Staff

Garden in Every School® Recognition Presentation

At the September 17th Board of Director's Meeting at IEUA, supporters of the Garden in Every School® Program were recognized for their loyal support, participation and dedication to the program.

The following supporters were recognized:

- Lewis Group of Companies
- Cucamonga Valley Water District
- City of Ontario
- Fontana Water Company
- Monte Vista Water District
- Valley View High School
- Chino Basin Water Conservation District
- Kellogg Garden Products
- Exotic Aquatics
- City of Upland
- City of Chino
- City of Chino Hills
- San Antonio Water Company
- Central, Cucamonga, Mountain, Ontario-Montclair School Districts



L to R: Elizabeth Hurst -IEUA, Dave Schroeder and Eunice Ulloa -Chino Basin Water Conservation District, Randall Lewis -Lewis Group of Companies, Shelley Cirrito -Cucamonga Valley Water District, Debby Figoni -City of Ontario, Mary Ann Melleby -Monte Vista Water District, Mario Martinez -Fontana Water Company, Mark Pertussati -Valley View High School

State Officials Host Statewide Drought Summit; Announce Creation of a Water Bank

By: Department of Water Resources

Excerpt from YubaNet.com

September 5, 2008

Sacramento—State, federal and local water officials gathered [on September 4, 2008] to discuss California's ongoing drought and ways to alleviate the effects of ongoing dry conditions. At the Drought Summit hosted by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), Director Lester Snow announced the creation of a 2009 Drought Water Bank, a program designed to facilitate water transfers.

"We are in the midst of a drought right now and California potentially faces another dry year in 2009. It's clear that we must find solutions to our water crisis," Snow said. "A water bank provides a valuable tool to help provide water to communities who need it most. This is just one of the many ways the state is working to address the drought."

Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Food and Agriculture A.G. Kawamura, State Water Resources Control Board Executive Director Dorothy Rice and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Don Glaser participated in the summit. Information about the state's water and reservoir supply, drought modeling and forecasts of future water allocations, financial and programmatic assistance and other efforts to help water contractors,

local water agencies, farmers and all state water users cope with the drought. A significant recent action was the expedited funding of \$17 million in Prop 50 Drought Assistance Program grants to local water agencies and districts to implement water saving projects.

At the summit, local agencies had the opportunity to share examples of how a lack of water is affecting their communities and made recommendations about how the state can support local water agencies, large and small, as they grapple with the shortages.

On June 4, Gov. Schwarzenegger issued Executive Order S-06-08 declaring a statewide drought, which directed state agencies and departments to take immediate action to address the dry conditions. He also issued a State of Emergency Proclamation for nine Central Valley counties (Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern) to address the area's urgent water needs.

To implement the 2009 Drought Water Bank, DWR will purchase water from willing sellers, primarily from water agencies upstream of the Sacramento-

San Joaquin Delta. This water will be transferred using State Water Project (SWP) of Central Valley Project (CVP) facilities to water agencies that are at risk of experiencing water shortages in 2009 due to drought conditions and that require supplemental water supplies to meet anticipated demands. Water acquired by the 2009 program would be available for purchase by public and private water agencies in California based on certain needs criteria.

Water supplies from the 2009 Drought Water Bank will be open to all water providers who can obtain water from the Delta either directly or by exchange with other water providers who have access to Delta water supplies from the SWP or CVP.

For additional information visit www.water.ca.gov/drought or call the DWR Public Affairs Office at (916) 653-9712

Drought 2008 Facts:

-For the Northern Sierra, this spring and summer were the driest on record since 1921. In addition, 2007 and 2008 made up the ninth driest two year period in 88 years of record keeping for the Northern Sierra.

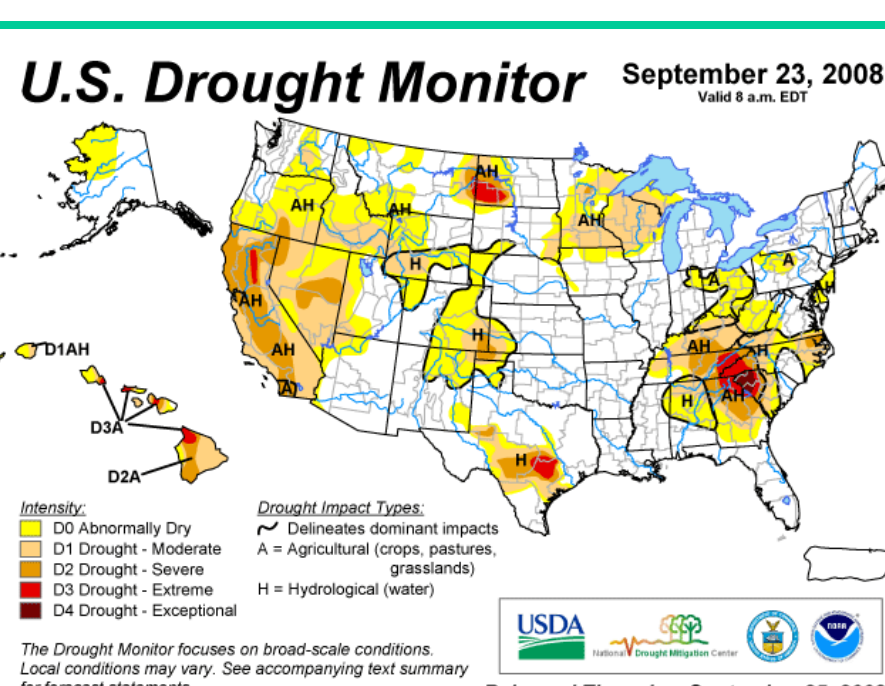
-Statewide precipitation for the six-month period February through July 2008 was 45% of average; the fourth driest of 114 years on record

-State reservoir capacities are at severe lows, with Folsom at 31%, Shasta at 34% and San Luis at 13%

-By the end of this year (Sept. 30), Lake Oroville will reach its lowest available storage since the drought of 1977.

Drought Summary
Drought continues to persist throughout California. Drought rages throughout California from moderate drought to extreme drought with extreme drought being felt in areas of northern California.

U.S. Drought Monitor September 23, 2008



Released Thursday, September 25, 2008
Authors: Richard Heim/Liz Love-Brotak, NOAA/NESDIS/NCDC

<http://drought.unl.edu/dm>

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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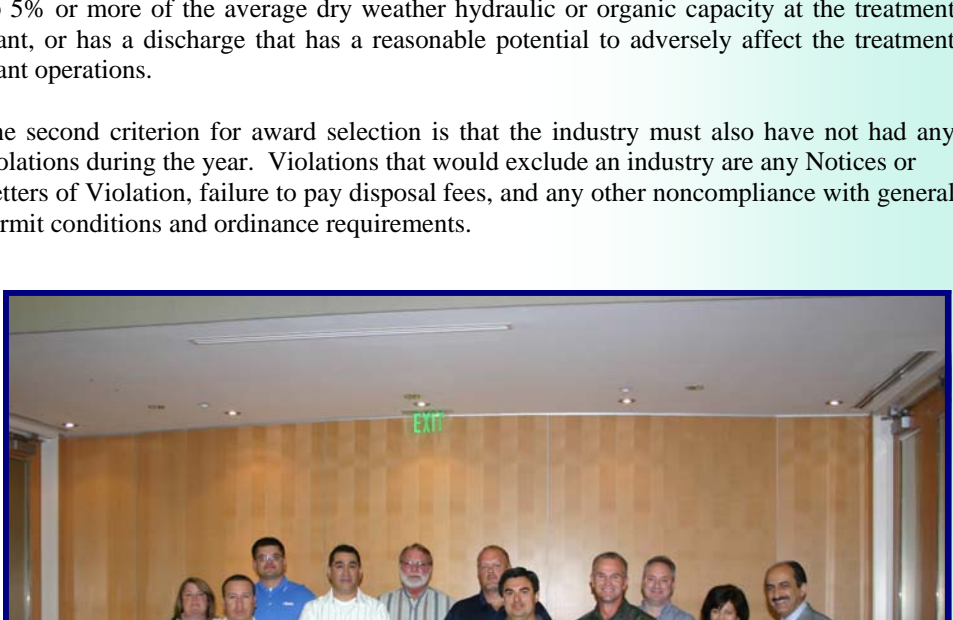
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Industry Compliance Recognition Award

Each year the IEUA Pretreatment and Source Control Department in conjunction with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, recognizes industries connected to the Non-Reclaimable Waste System for being in compliance with wastewater discharge limits and permit requirements. In September, the department recognizes twelve of its industries for their outstanding compliance record in calendar year 2007.

The criteria used in the selection for the industry award is based on several items. The first is that industry must be a Significant Industrial User (SIU). A SIU is defined as an industry subject to federal categorical pretreatment standards, or discharges wastewater at a flow rate of 25,000 gallons or more per day, or contributes a process waste stream which makes up 5% or more of the average dry weather hydraulic or organic capacity at the treatment plant, or has a discharge that has a reasonable potential to adversely affect the treatment plant operations.

The second criterion for award selection is that the industry must also have not had any violations during the year. Violations that would exclude an industry are any Notices or Letters of Violation, failure to pay disposal fees, and any other noncompliance with general permit conditions and ordinance requirements.



The twelve industries selected to receive the Certificate of Recognition Compliance Calendar Year 2007 are:

- California Steel Industries, Inc.
- Cintas Corporation II
- Coca-Cola North America
- Crothall Healthcare
- Frito-Lay
- Metal Coaters of California
- Nestle Waters of North America
- Praxair Hydrogen Corp.
- Reliant Energy
- Tamco
- Temple-Inland
- Unitex Services Group, Inc.

Rebates: A Method of Conserving