



Rosamond Community Services District

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RCS D Featured for Innovation

The California Special Districts Association recently profiled three California water agencies pushing for new and innovative water conservation methods in a feature article in their trade magazine *California Special Districts*. RCS D's Rosamond Water Reclamation Plant (RWRP) was among the agencies and projects profiled. From the article:

"In Kern County, California, the Rosamond Community Services District (RCS D) has invested \$15 million in its new Rosamond Water Reclamation Plant. This plant repurposes deteriorating wastewater evaporation ponds into a site where wastewater is purified to percolate into and replenish the aquifers below. By using this plant, RCS D has become a statewide leader in water reuse - returning 100% of the water that it is allocated back into the Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin's aquifers. For communities like Rosamond that are dependent on groundwater, it takes much longer to recover from drought and rebuild storage, making this project especially critical for this region."

You will hear more about our innovative RWRP soon, once the project is completely finished. Even now, the RWRP is functional and producing treated water that is being percolated into our aquifers and earning RCS D pumping credits from our local water master.

RCS D is invested in water conservation for results, not recognition. Projects like this help provide our customers with a stable,

secure, and independent water supply. This is part of our long-term strategy to continue providing healthy water to our customers at the lowest rates possible.



Kern Cooling Centers

In partnership with PG&E, Kern County will again operate a cooling center in Rosamond at Hummel Hall whenever the National Weather Service forecasts temperatures of 108 degrees or higher. When open, the cooling center will be available from 1 pm to 8 pm. Residents using the Cooling Centers are encouraged to bring their favorite non-alcoholic beverages, snacks, reading materials, games, etc., to enjoy the Centers better.

To check if the cooling center will be open, visit <https://www.kerncounty.com/government/aging-adult-services/services/cooling-centers> or call 800-510-2020. If you need a ride to the cooling center, call 211.



Flushable Wipes Aren't

Did you know that one of the most significant sources of unscheduled maintenance and repair for RCSD's sewer infrastructure may be lurking in your home? Wipes of all varieties, baby, cleaning, and even so-called flushable, do not break down in the sewer system when flushed down the toilet. Instead, they clump together, creating nasty clogs in the sewer lines and plugging protective grates at the treatment plants.

This extra maintenance and repair can quickly escalate the costs required to operate our sewer system and can be a driving factor in sewer rate increases. The good news is that all this is easily avoidable by keeping all wipes out of the toilet. All wipes, even those marketed as being flushable, are not flushable and should only be disposed of in the trash.

You are helping keep our sewers flowing and our rates low by keeping all wipes out of the toilet. Thank you for your help.

Ditch the Drips

Most anyone can fix leaks around their house where things connect to spigots, faucets, or other fixtures. Start by just tightening loose connections or wrapping some thread tape around the connection before screwing something on it. Visit your local hardware store for more information.

Turn That Green Lawn into Green Dollars

The Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District continues paying eligible applicants cash for removing their high-water use lawns in both their front and back yards. This program pays \$1 per square foot of living lawn removed. It also offers landscape design assistance and even free plants. The program is limited, with payouts made on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible applicants, so don't wait! To learn more and apply for the rebate, visit avrcd.org.

Conservation in Summer Months

Despite a wet winter and mild spring, summer is just around the corner. The hot weather is one of the most significant contributors to water use, as people use their pools, fight to keep their lawns green, and crank up their evaporative coolers.

Remember to use your water wisely and avoid waste. When possible, reuse water, like connecting a hose to your cooler and using the runoff to water your garden. If you can't reuse it, try to use water as effectively as possible. Try watering in the cool of the evening or morning when more water can seep into the ground, and less is lost to evaporation. Small changes can make significant differences in water conservation.

