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Water reliability for customers remains focus amid extreme drought

With extreme drought conditions plaguing California, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) has taken steps to ensure a safe, reliable water supply for customers – during drought and in the event of other emergencies.

Customers can rest assured their water delivery will remain uninterrupted, even if water reduction and conservation measures are implemented. BCVWD has the advantage of large water storage capacity in the Beaumont Basin and strategically purchases imported water in preparation for water shortage situations. The District currently has 34,000 acre-feet in storage.



“Over the years, BCVWD has tactically invested in projects that expand and diversify our water resources and ensure reliability,” said Vice President Lona Williams, on behalf of the Board of Directors. **“Taking these steps and continuing to plan for the future is vital to ensuring a dependable supply for our customers and our region.”**

BCVWD’s Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) outlines six stages of emergency measures in the event of a water shortage or sudden disruption to the water supply. The levels, which are designed to build upon each other, include water reductions and additional conservation measures. The first stage would be implemented in the event of up to a 10 percent reduction in normal long-term water supply availability and a forecast of lower imported water resources over two years.

Learn more about the WSCP and the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) at <https://bit.ly/2ZRAvKs>



Cool ways to conserve this fall



Water conservation is vital now more than ever as the state enters what could potentially be years of drought. Here are some easy ways to save as the weather cools off this fall and winter season:



When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load. Or, run only full loads.



Plug the bathtub before turning on the water, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills. Keep showers to 5 minutes or less.



Check for leaks inside and outside your home. Read our conservation guide for tips on how to stop the drips, available at <https://bit.ly/3bJkXg>.



Plant new plants in the fall, when temperatures are cooler and water needs are lower. Use native landscaping to further reduce water use.



Winter lawns need less water! Water only once every five days.

Find more conservation tips at bcvwd.org/water-conservation-tips.



'Great Place to Work' award highlights team dedication to service

District named one of the best places to work in the country

BCVWD is honored and excited to be named a 2021 'Great Place to Work' based on a workplace culture survey of our team members. The accomplishment is even more coveted this year, after employees were asked to pivot operations and faced unprecedented challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We strive to make BCVWD an environment where employees want to come to work every day," said President Daniel Slawson, on behalf of the Board of Directors. "Building a strong, happy and resilient team is important for our internal work environment and is a benefit to our customers. Satisfied employees mean a dedicated team, which translates directly into high quality service."

According to the survey by Great Place to Work, employees said they are given a lot of responsibility, feel a sense of pride in what they accomplish, and find management is approachable and easy to talk with. The District was recognized for its work environment and culture, including a high level of trust and sound leadership.



LEARN MORE about what makes BCVWD a 'Great Place to Work' at <https://bit.ly/3EFnsKC>.

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Stormwater capture partnership gains ground

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District are collaborating on a stormwater project that will reduce flooding in the Cherry Valley community and support conservation of local water supplies.

“The project area often experiences flooding with even just small amounts of rain,” said Director Andy Ramirez, on behalf of the Board of Directors. ***“By working together to manage and collect stormwater, we can minimize the flood impacts to our community and strategically grow our local water resources while promoting a sustainable water future.”***

Working together, the agencies will construct an underground storm drain to collect runoff and deliver the water to BCVWD's existing recharge ponds, which feed the groundwater basin. Named the Beaumont MDP Line 16, the project would capture 150 to 500 acre-feet of stormwater annually, depending on hydrologic conditions, into an underground aquifer, enough to supply as many as 900 local families for a year. Without this project, the stormwater would continue to flow along Brookside Avenue and directly into Marshall Creek and be lost downstream.



Prepare now for rain & potential hazards

Are you prepared for the rainy season?

Despite dry weather, it is important to be ready for rain this fall, winter and spring. The Apple and El Dorado fires that burned more than 50,000 acres in the 2020 fire season left our community susceptible to flash floods, mudslides and debris flows when it rains. Land scarred by fire takes three to five years to recover.



Prepare now for these potential hazards. Go to rivcoready.org/stormready to learn about evacuation zones and get emergency preparedness tips for your home and family. Visit rivcoready.org/AlertRivCo to sign up for local emergency alerts.