Master Plan Project Completed on Kinneloa Mesa

The \$400,000 project on Kinneloa Mesa included 2,644 feet of new larger pipelines, five new fire hydrants, five upgraded fire hydrants and 12 new street valves.



Installation of a New Pipeline on Doyne Road

This system when coupled with the additional storage added to the distribution system in 2002

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AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE

Take advantage of our automatic payment plan and be assured that your account is always paid on time even if you are on vacation. You will still receive a monthly statement to keep track of your water usage and know the amount that will be debited from your bank account later in the month. Call 626-797-6295 today to request an application.

Water Use Efficiency is the Key to Maintaining Independence from Imported Water Supplies

The Kinneloa Irrigation District is unique among the Foothill area water companies in that we have been able to provide a reliable supply of water to our customers for more than 50 years from local groundwater sources without the need to purchase imported water from the Metropolitan Water District. However this independence may come to an end if the long-term drought continues.

Many water agencies including the KID have been promoting voluntary conservation measures to deal with the reality of water shortages and more recently the City of Pasadena and the County of Los Angeles have passed conservation ordinances with mandatory restrictions.

Water Use efficiency includes conservation measures but also includes a more comprehensive plan to secure a reliable regional water supply. The Foothill family of water agencies is exploring the following potential joint projects:

- Local water recycling facilities
- Groundwater recharge
- Participation in desalination projects
- Improved storm water capture

The common goal is to use our resources to develop new local and regional supply sources and improve water efficiency in an era when imported supplies are stressed and the cost of that water is increasing exponentially.

and interconnections with the City of Pasadena vastly improves our ability to supply water at greater quantities and flow rates in an emergency. Maximum flow rates at these hydrants are now approximately 2,000 gallons per minute and meet current County of Los Angeles standards. The Board and Staff appreciated the understanding and support of the residents who endured three months of dust, water shutoffs, and road closures during the project.

AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Much of the Kinneloa Irrigation District's infrastructure was built more than 50 years ago when industry standards for fire protection and emergency preparedness were much lower than they are today for newly-built homes and water utility systems.

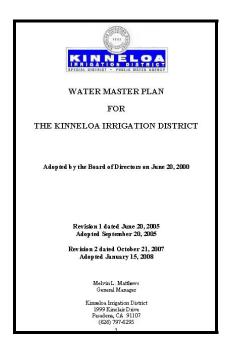
The District's Board of Director completed a Water Master Plan in 2000 to address the growth in our service area and many of the issues and deficiencies that were identified after the firestorm in 1993. The plan which is periodically updated contains more than 20 projects designed to improve our ability to provide water when fires, natural disasters and other emergencies strike our area.



New Fire Hydrant on Lindaloa Lane

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS PLANNED

Similar projects are planned for other portions of service areas in the years ahead as shown in the Master Plan. You can view the plan at http://www.kinneloairrigationdistrict.info/agendas.htm
by scrolling to and clicking on "Master Plan" or by making arrangements with the office to borrow a printed copy. Since the District does not receive any tax revenue, the pace at which projects are undertaken is limited by the net surplus generated from water sales to our customers. The estimated cost of completing the remaining master plan projects is in excess of \$4 million.



The Board of Directors balances the desire to complete these projects at a reasonable pace with the desire to keep water rates as low as possible as part of its annual budgeting process.

You are invited to provide written comments and/or join in the discussion of these and other issues at the meetings of the Board of Directors which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the District office.

Your questions and comments are welcome. You can e-mail us at newsletter@kinneloairrigationdistrict.info or include a note with your payment.