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## **Create a Better Future by Conserving Now!**



We are now entering the fourth year of record drought across California, as the summer did not bring much relief. Residents statewide continue to be urged to reduce water use to preserve our water supplies until winter rains and snowpack hopefully replenish them.

The good news is that Kinneloa Irrigation District has water to meet the needs of our customers, and demand remains steady. But that means we can do much better when it comes to water conservation!

There are some easy ways to save water at home. If you are planning renovations or home improvement projects, they provide an excellent opportunity to upgrade to more efficient appliances. If you're looking to give your outdoor spaces a new look, landscaping and irrigation changes offer significant water savings. There are even financial incentives available to offset the costs of getting started.

Rebates can help reduce your water use – and your water bill. The KID is part of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)'s Regional Conservation Rebate Program. Information about rebate programs can be found on our website by visiting [KinneloolIrrigationDistrict.info/rebates](http://KinneloolIrrigationDistrict.info/rebates).

Numerous incentives are available. From outdoor water-saving devices such as sprinkler nozzles to bigger-ticket indoor items such as clothes washers, the SoCal Water Smart website has all the information you need to determine how to best save at your home or business. Visit [www.socalwatersmart.com](http://www.socalwatersmart.com) for eligibility and rebate application requirements.

Investing in water-saving devices will help all of us make it through these dry times.



EXTREME DROUGHT  
**2-DAY OUTDOOR WATERING**  
ENFORCED

[bewaterwise.com](http://bewaterwise.com)  
FOR WATER-SAVING TIPS & REBATES

## Set an Example by Using Less Water

Be a trendsetter and become the envy of your neighbors! Challenge yourself to see how much water use you can cut.

To help you get started, we have tips on our website at [KinneloolIrrigationDistrict.info](http://KinneloolIrrigationDistrict.info). Please remember that KID has a level "ORANGE" Rationing Conservation Alert. All customers are required to minimize indoor water use and severely limit outdoor water use as follows:



- Residential and commercial landscape irrigation should be limited to every other day per week. Irrigation is only allowed between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m.
- The filling, refilling or adding of water to indoor and outdoor pools, wading pools, or spas is prohibited except to maintain levels. The District strongly urges use of a cover to prevent evaporation.
- Water may not be used to clean, fill, or refill decorative fountains or ponds except to maintain levels. Use of decorative water features is discouraged.
- Vehicle washing is restricted to using a hand-held bucket and quick rinses using a hose with a shut-off nozzle. The District encourages customers to use recycled water or a commercial car wash that uses recycled water.
- Customers must fix leaks within 48 hours of notification or discovery of a leak.

While KID uses two wells and five tunnels, also known as horizontal wells, to meet current water needs, we must take steps to preserve our groundwater supply during the drought. Let's work together to follow these conservation rules to ensure we can get by on our local supply far into the future!



**Be First in Line for Improved Water Service**



Get ready to learn a lot more about your water use! KID customers will soon be able to review real-time information about water use as the District converts to smart water meters. The more you know about how your habits impact water use, the easier it is to find ways to conserve.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) increases efficiency, reduces costs, and lessens pollution because they can be read remotely. Best of all, you can track water consumption in real-time and don't have to wait until the end of each month to see how much water you used!

We will let you know once this exciting new tool is available to our customers.



## Leading KID into the Future

Kinneloa Irrigation District Board of Directors and staff are collectively working to establish a new vision for success as we lean into the future. In addition to the recruitment of a new General Manager, the KID will conduct a comprehensive review of development trends impacting future water needs and re-prioritize projects designed to meet these challenges.

During his more than 25 years at KID, Melvin Matthews led numerous projects and programs to significantly improve and modernize the District. Under his leadership, KID:

- Completed \$8 million in master plan projects to increase the District's emergency preparedness. They included:
  - Improvements to operational redundancy and firefighting capabilities with the installation of seven major pipeline projects
  - Installation of six standby generators
  - Enhancements to the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system
  - Expansions to computer network infrastructure to facilitate efficiency and provide secure document storage
- Created the District's website and ensured ongoing improvement over the years to provide information and transparency to customers and the public
- Provided sound fiscal management to the District's operations and capital improvement projects to reduce expenses and minimize the need for rate increases
- Implemented a state-of-the-art customer information and billing system
- Established mutual aid agreements with 27 Los Angeles County water agencies and statewide agencies in the event of natural disasters or operational emergencies

Kinneloa Irrigation District thanks Matthews for his dedicated service to the community, and we look forward to building upon his many successes moving forward.

