



DSRSD Pipeline

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We love seeing water conservation goals met — keep up the good work!

All You Need is Love - and Water



Make water your valentine for February 14 — and every day.

Love is in the air this month of Valentine’s Day, and there’s no better time to show your love for our water supply.

Be mine: Water is a precious resource for us all. Keep your eye out for potential leaks at home and in public spaces. Water theft is another culprit for wasting water and can also contaminate the potable (drinking) water supply.

- If you see standing water, water flowing in the street, or water bubbling up from the ground or pavement, please report these possible leaks to DSRSD.
- Watch for hoses directly connected to fire hydrants without a meter, this may indicate water theft. Report this crime to the local police department.

Learn how to [report water leaks and water theft](#), plus how to differentiate what may or may not be legal hydrant use.

Stay the Course on Saving Water



This graph shows a 10% water savings for December 2021 compared to 2020, with an average water savings of 17% from September to December 2021, meeting the 15% overall conservation target.

DSRSD customers are staying on track for the average annualized target of 15% water conservation. Let’s keep a good thing going!

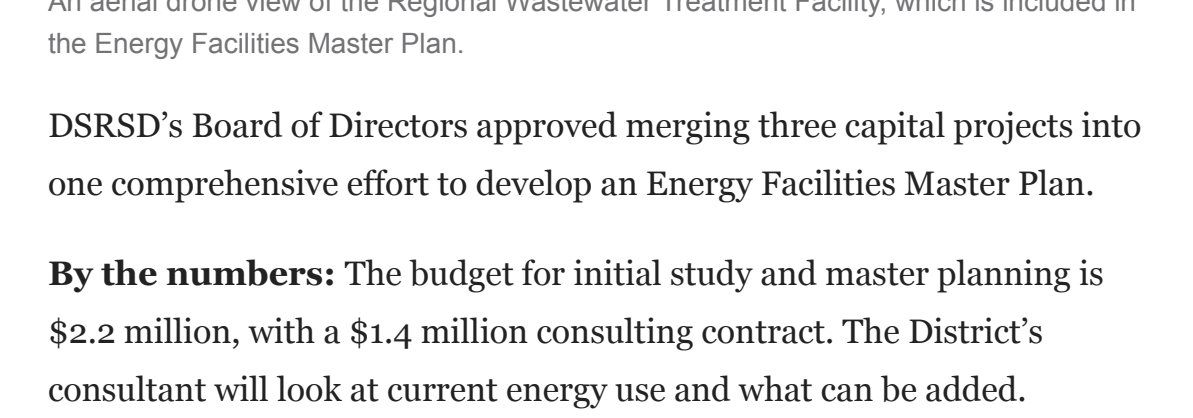
Why it matters: While December had much-needed rainfall, January 2022 was a dry month. The drought is still a reality as we continue into the new year.

Keep these water use rules in mind during the winter:

- From November 1 through February 28, outdoor irrigation is limited to one day per week.
- Outdoor irrigation is limited to occur between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. to reduce evaporation.
- Irrigation is prohibited during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.

Go deeper: Find all of DSRSD’s [drought water use rules](#) and learn more about conservation.

Ensuring Energy Efficiency



An aerial drone view of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, which is included in the Energy Facilities Master Plan.

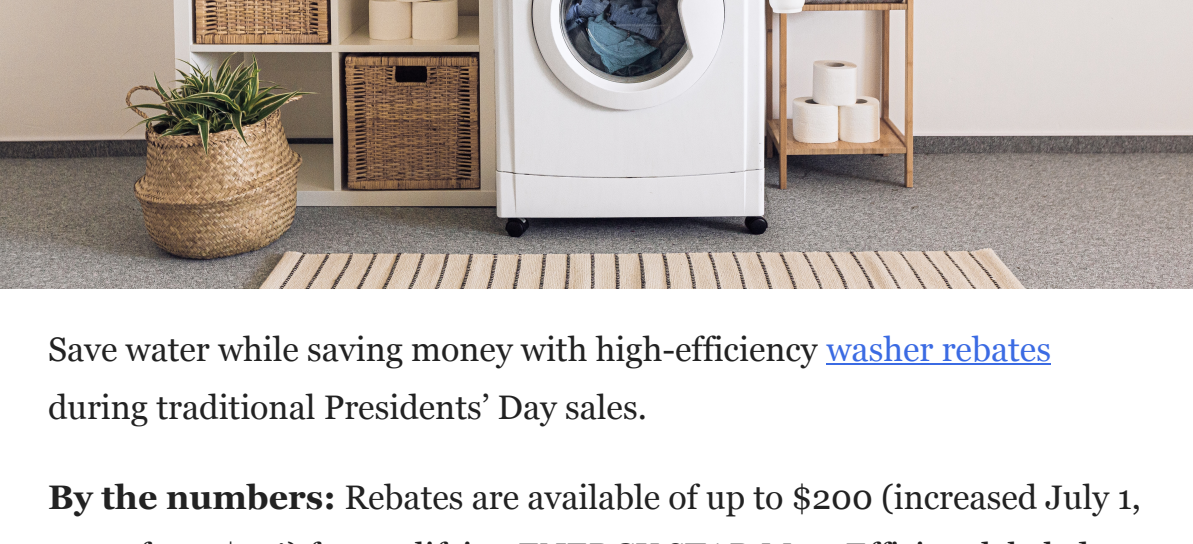
DSRSD’s Board of Directors approved merging three capital projects into one comprehensive effort to develop an Energy Facilities Master Plan.

By the numbers: The budget for initial study and master planning is \$2.2 million, with a \$1.4 million consulting contract. The District’s consultant will look at current energy use and what can be added.

- The Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility already converts solids to biogas, which is used to fuel cogeneration engines. These engines produce electricity and heat to offset electricity costs at the plant.
- The District has been working toward a greener fleet by replacing vehicles with smaller vehicles and replacing small pickup trucks with solar-charged, battery-powered carts. Operations and maintenance staff use these more efficient, less expensive carts at the 22-acre wastewater treatment plant.

The bottom line: Developing long-term strategies for greater energy efficiency and reliability is one of DSRSD’s Strategic Plan goals. The comprehensive Energy Facilities Master Plan will review all District facilities.

Washer Rebates - Take Advantage of Presidents’ Day Sales



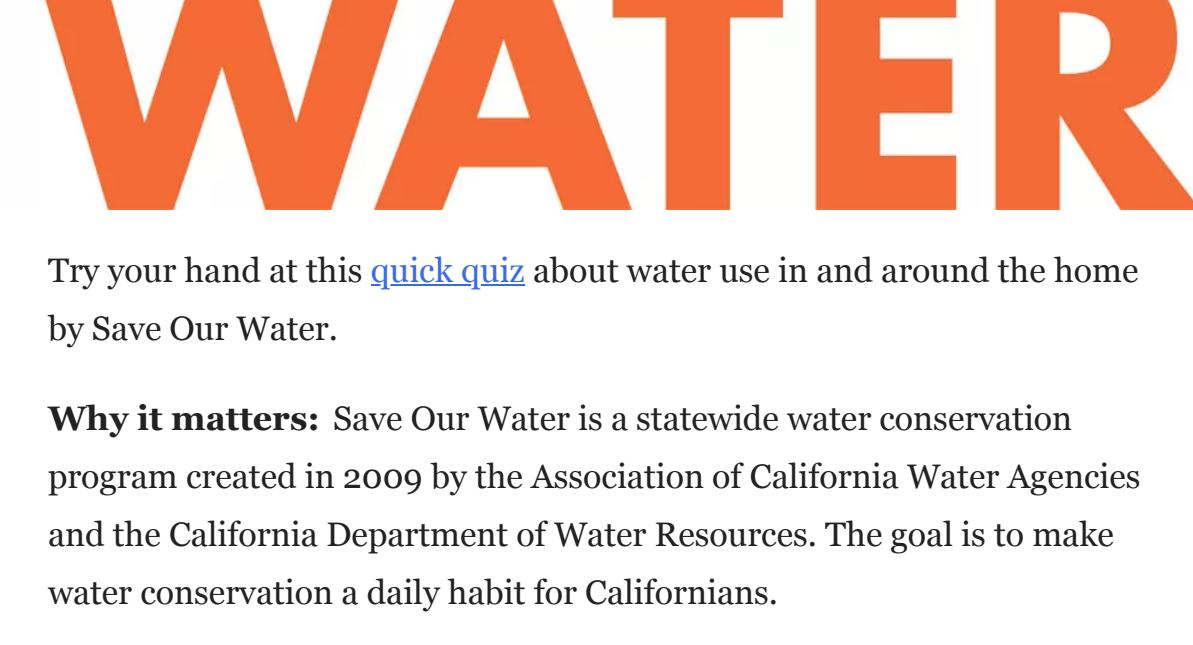
Save water while saving money with high-efficiency [washer rebates](#) during traditional Presidents’ Day sales.

By the numbers: Rebates are available of up to \$200 (increased July 1, 2021, from \$75!) for qualifying ENERGY STAR Most Efficient labeled clothes washers.

- ENERGY STAR certified washing machines can use up to 33% less water and 25% less energy than traditional washers.

Visit our [Rebates webpage](#) to see complete requirements and learn about other water-saving rebates.

Test Your Water Wisdom



Try your hand at this [quick quiz](#) about water use in and around the home by Save Our Water.

Why it matters: Save Our Water is a statewide water conservation program created in 2009 by the Association of California Water Agencies and the California Department of Water Resources. The goal is to make water conservation a daily habit for Californians.

- How many gallons do you save by turning off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving your face?
- How much is saved when you shorten a 10-minute shower to 5 minutes?

Take the [Save Our Water Quiz](#) to see how many you can get right!

We love our water-saving customers — Happy Valentine’s Day!

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