

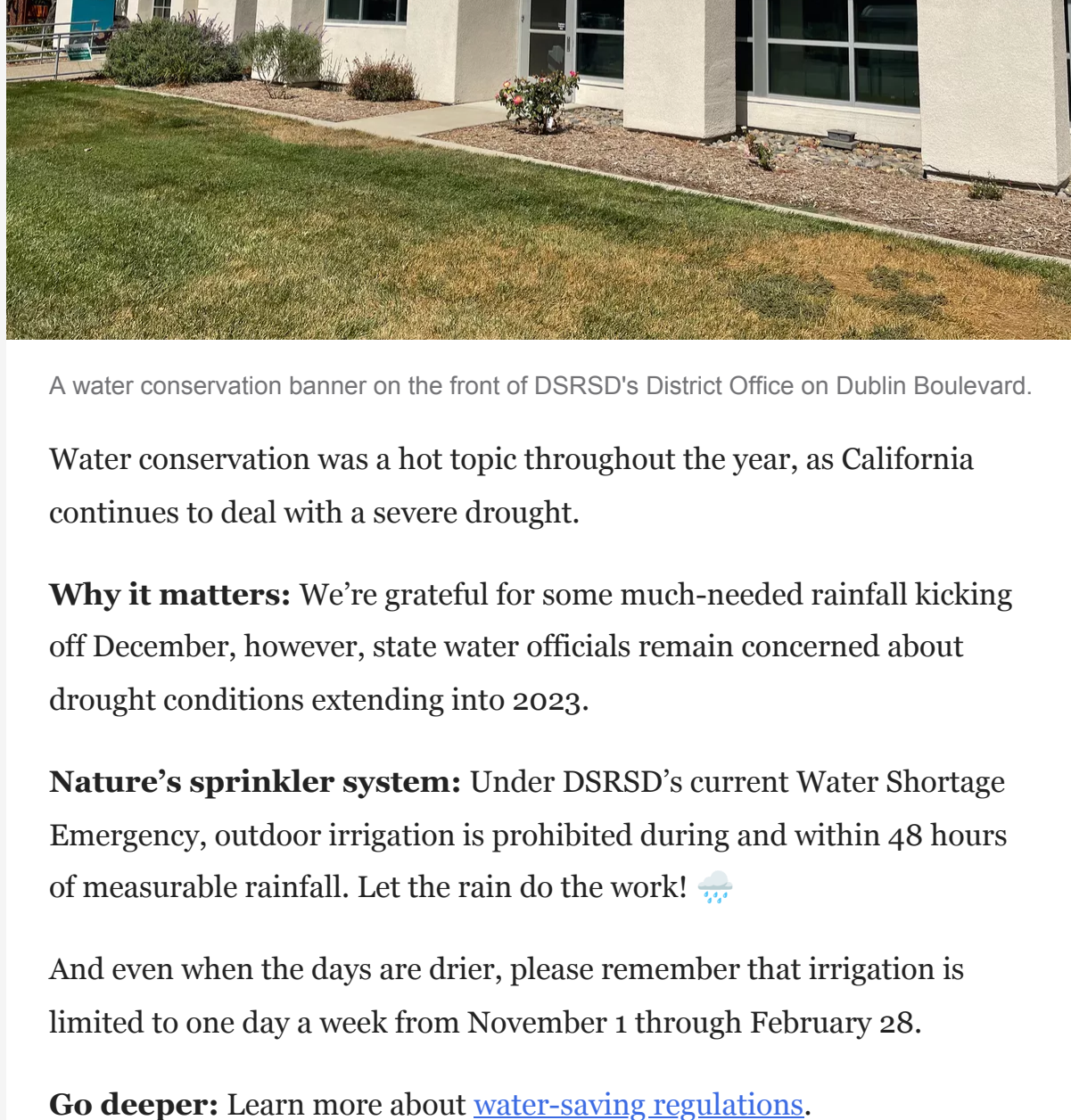


DSRSD Pipeline

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This year was a busy one for Dublin San Ramon Services District and our community. Check out some of our highlights from 2022. ✨

One big thing: Water conservation



A water conservation banner on the front of DSRSD's District Office on Dublin Boulevard.

Water conservation was a hot topic throughout the year, as California continues to deal with a severe drought.

Why it matters: We're grateful for some much-needed rainfall kicking off December, however, state water officials remain concerned about drought conditions extending into 2023.

Nature's sprinkler system: Under DSRSD's current Water Shortage Emergency, outdoor irrigation is prohibited during and within 48 hours of measurable rainfall. Let the rain do the work! ☔

And even when the days are drier, please remember that irrigation is limited to one day a week from November 1 through February 28.

Go deeper: Learn more about [water-saving regulations](#).

District Office updates for all to enjoy



The succulent garden portion of the DSRSD Demonstration Garden.

We're proud of the updates to the District Office that are now available for the public to enjoy.

Take a stroll: Visit DSRSD's Demonstration Garden that was completed in April 2022. 🌸 It showcases both drought-tolerant plants plus plants of all types irrigated with recycled water.

- The garden features a succulent garden, redwood grove, rose garden, fruit trees, employee garden, and butterfly garden. 🦋

- Visit the Little Free Library for water conservation booklets and other general reading materials.



A view of the west side of the mural, which showcases sea life from the Hawaiian islands. The east side of the mural depicts California sea life.

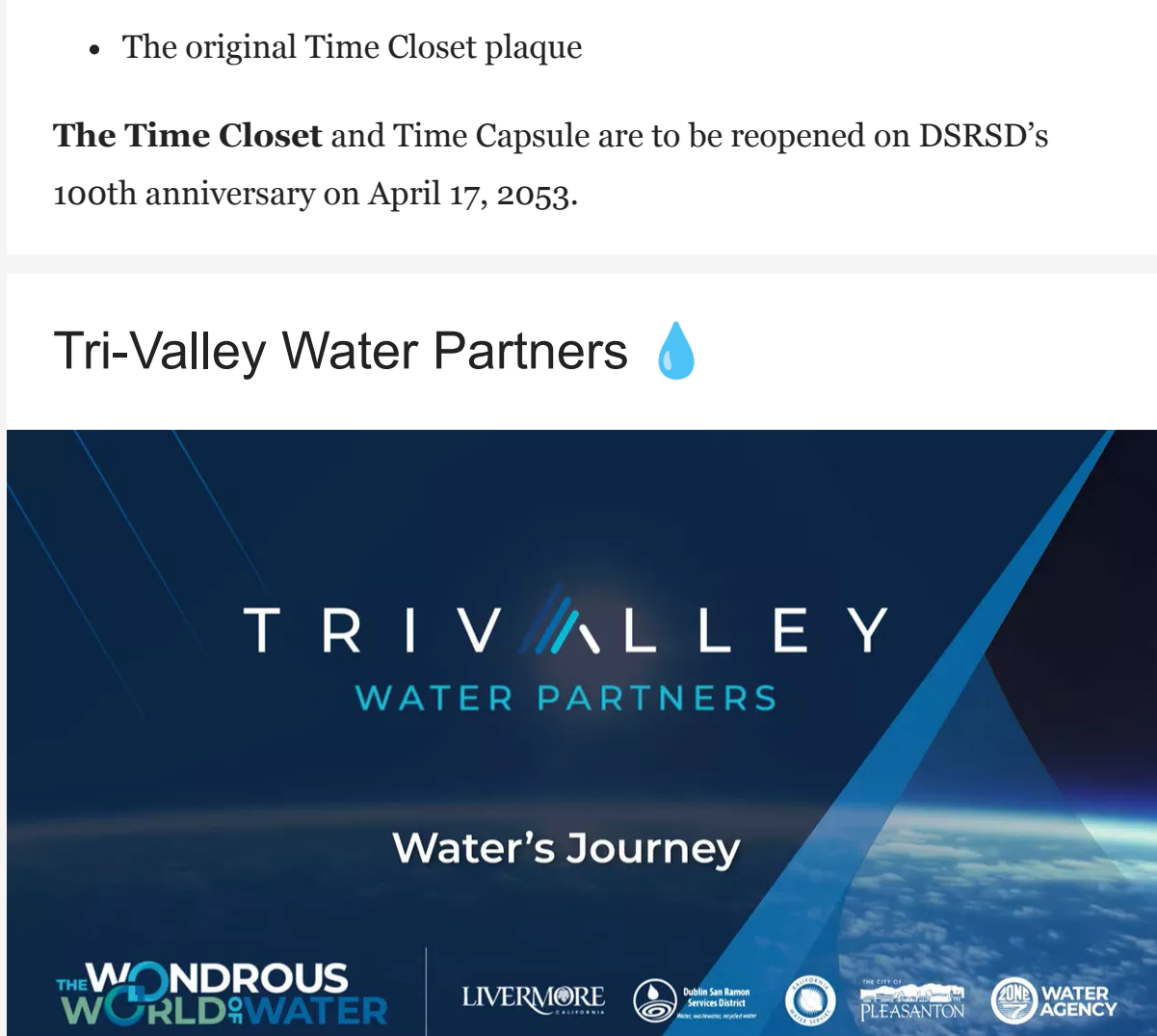
The Marine Life Mural was dedicated this spring during a Chamber of Commerce event with Dublin, San Ramon, and Pleasanton Chamber members.

- The colorful mural can be viewed under the covered portico entrance to the lobby. 🐠

- Painted by artist and the City of Livermore's retired wastewater treatment manager Darren Greenwood, [the mural](#) reflects DSRSD's mission of protecting the environment.

Visit the garden and mural outside the DSRSD District Office located at [7051 Dublin Blvd.](#) in Dublin.

🕒 Time Capsule rededication



DSRSD Directors Richard Halket, Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold, Marisol Rubio, Ann Marie Johnson, and Arun Goel rededicated the Time Closet in April.

The Board of Directors celebrated the rededication of the DSRSD Time Capsule & Time Closet at the April 19 meeting. The closet was originally sealed in 2004, containing items from the District's first 50 years, but a building flood in 2018 required staff members to pack up the items while the building was restored.

Just in time: Staff members reassembled the Time Closet (the sealed Time Capsule was never opened) and added a few items relevant to the rededication, including:

- Photos from the flooded building and renovation
- A DSRSD logo mask issued during the pandemic
- The original Time Closet plaque

The Time Closet and Time Capsule are to be reopened on DSRSD's 100th anniversary on April 17, 2053.

Tri-Valley Water Partners 💧



Citizens Water Academy graduates at a ceremony with DSRSD Director Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold and General Manager Dan McIntyre in the Boardroom.

DSRSD joined Tri-Valley water wholesaler Zone 7 Water Agency and water retailers (the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, plus California Water Service) to launch a new [Tri-Valley Water Partners](#) website and "Water's Journey" video.

Delivering water now and into the future: The partnership and accompanying website focus on our region's water supply reliability. The site provides information on water supply challenges and potential solutions.

Where the water comes from: In less than 3 minutes, the "Water's Journey" video shows how our water starts as snowpack on the peaks of the Sierra Nevada to how it comes out of the tap in homes and businesses of the Tri-Valley.

With a large portion of our water being imported, it's important to conserve, especially during times of drought. [View the video on YouTube.](#)

Citizens Water Academy 📖



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DSRSD held the biennial Citizens Water Academy virtually in June and July.

The free academy covers critical issues related to water, wastewater, and recycled water; building a more resilient water supply; and what it's like serving on the Board of Directors.

The virtual academy won the Public Outreach/Education Award from the California Association of Sanitation Agencies for the 2020 program.

One fun thing: DSRSD hosted a graduation reception for the 2022 Virtual Citizens Water Academy participants on July 20. 🎉

Touring the treatment facility



Biosolids digesters are in the background as Senior Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Dave Bailey gives a tour to Citizens Water Academy graduates in November.

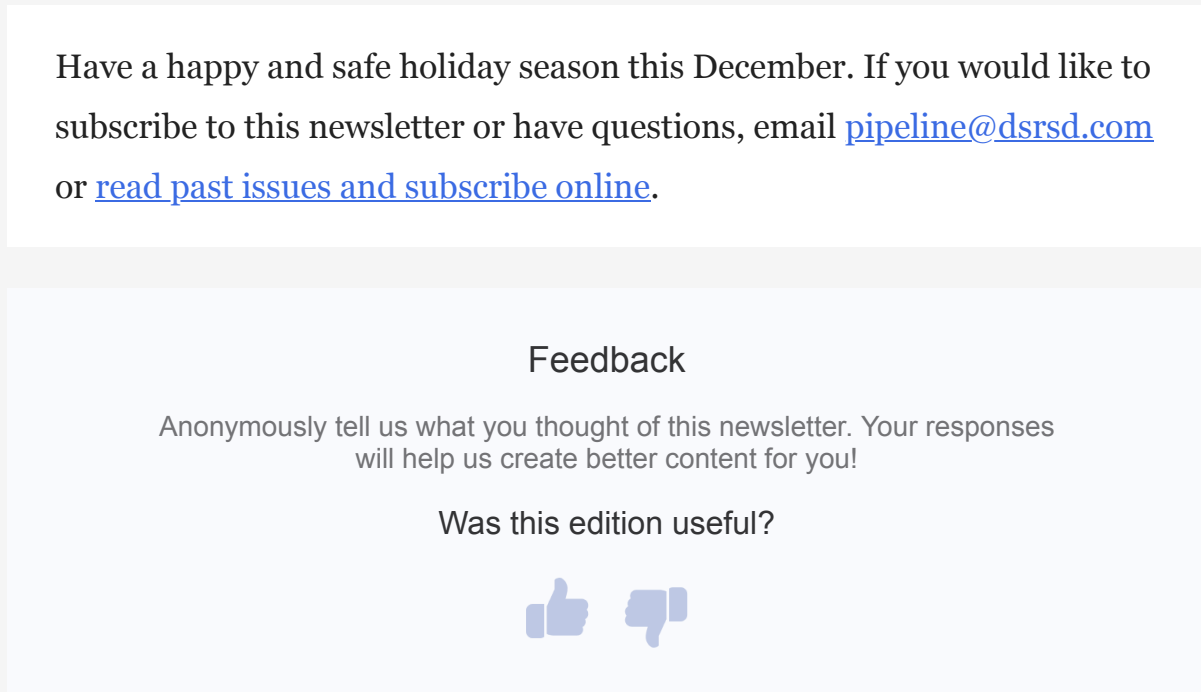
Public tours returned to the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility on November 10 — the first tour since before the pandemic.

Why it matters: A group of Citizens Water Academy graduates from both 2020 and 2022 were finally able to tour the facility they learned so much about during the course.

Tours are a chance to see how wastewater is treated daily and gain insight into the process after we flush, shower, do laundry, and more.

Coming soon: DSRSD has plans to bring back regular quarterly tours to the public in 2023. Stay tuned in the monthly newsletters and on our social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Nextdoor](#)) for when and how to sign up!

🚫 Save a pain in the drain



Have a happy holiday -- and happy pipes.

And finally, we celebrate many holidays this time of year—let's also celebrate well-working pipes!

Happy holiday home cooking: FOG—fats, oils, and grease—is a leading cause of clogged pipes in the home (leading to costly repairs!) and in the public sewer system. Don't let an unhappy drain ruin your holiday festivities.

- Never rinse fats, oils, or grease (including dressings, mayonnaise, or gravy) down the drain. Scrape or wipe oil into the green waste or trash (this saves water on extra rinsing too!).
- Large amounts of cooking oil (such as oil for deep-frying) should be poured into a container with a tight-fitting lid and brought to a collection facility.
- Find a household hazardous waste drop-off location near you at [search.earth911.com](#).

Avoid a pain in the drain: Learn more about how [FOG clogs pipes](#).

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