



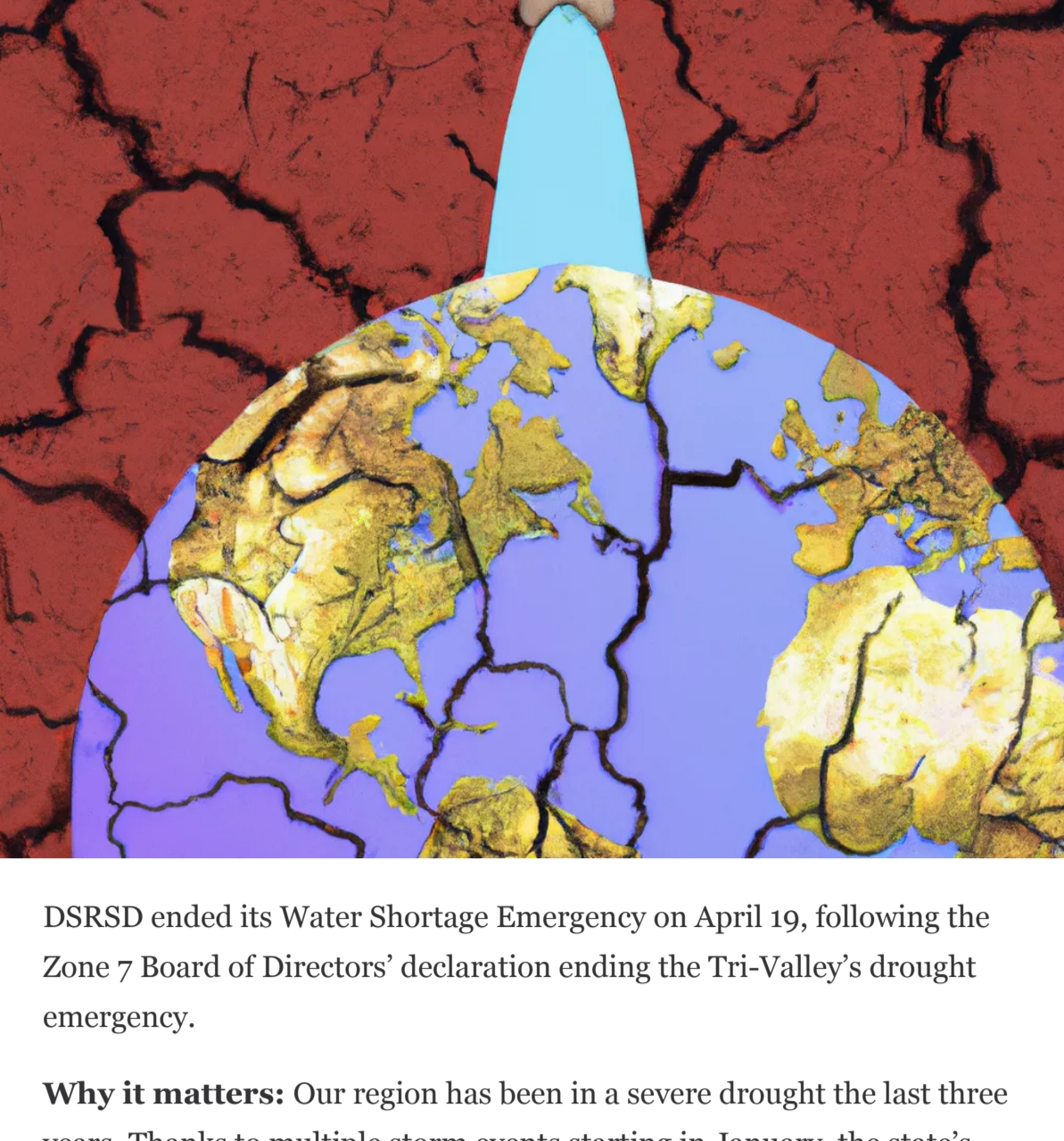
DSRSD Pipeline

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Happy Water Awareness Month! 💧 Now is a great time to show appreciation for the water that fuels the economy and sustains ecosystems. 🌍

Water Shortage Emergency ends



DSRSD ended its Water Shortage Emergency on April 19, following the Zone 7 Board of Directors’ declaration ending the Tri-Valley’s drought emergency.

Why it matters: Our region has been in a severe drought the last three years. Thanks to multiple storm events starting in January, the state’s drought conditions have improved and boosted snowpack.

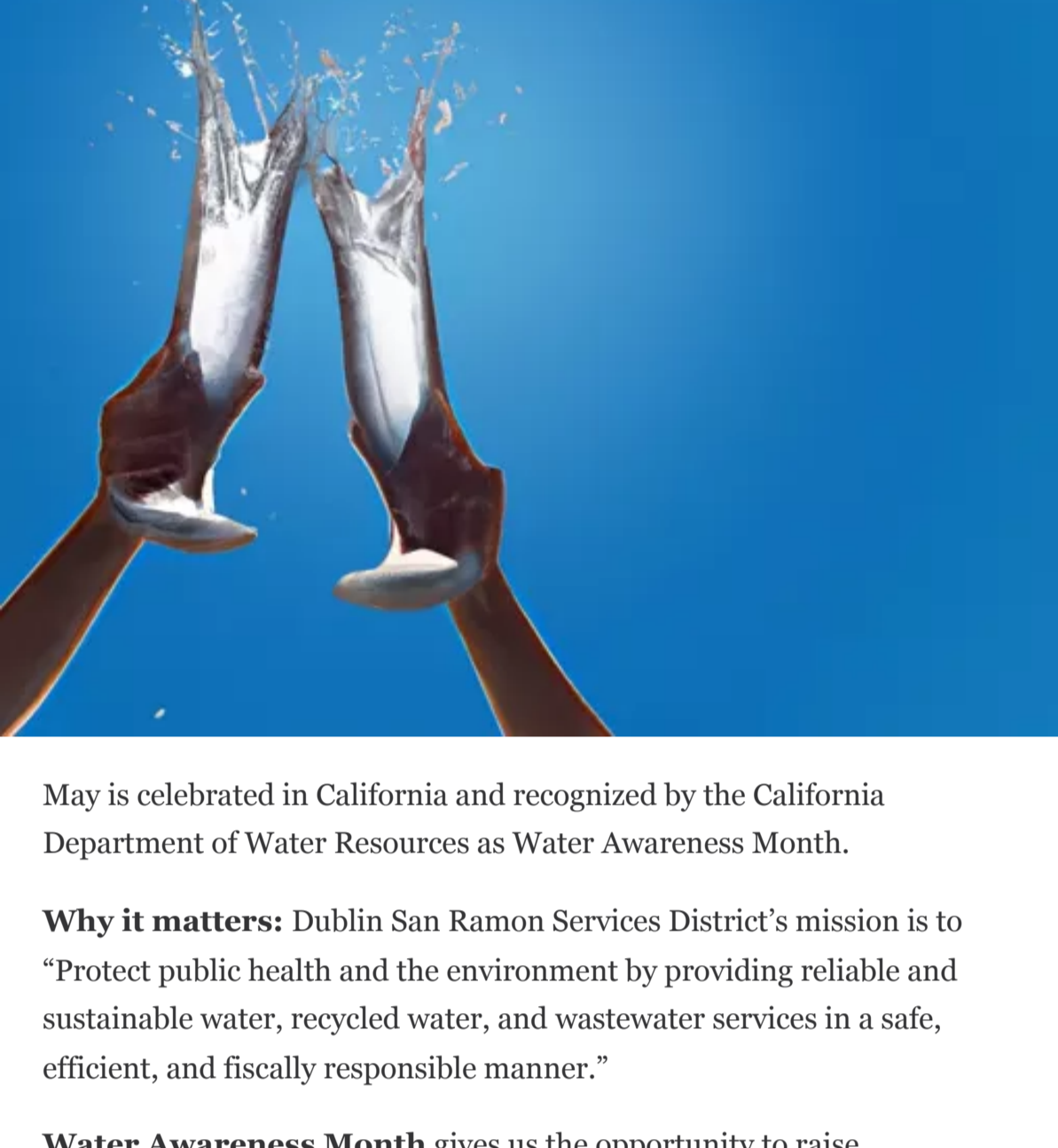
- The California Department of Water Resources increased allocations from the State Water Project, from which the Tri-Valley draws much of its water.
- The DSRSD Board also rescinded Water Shortage Condition Rates, restoring water rates to normal conditions.
- While 15 percent conservation is no longer mandatory for the Tri-Valley, Zone 7’s Board encouraged customers to continue 5 percent voluntary conservation to reaffirm a commitment to saving water.

Go deeper: District customers are still required to comply with Governor Gavin Newsom’s Executive Order N-5-23 that prohibits the use of drinking water for:

- Washing sidewalks, driveways, buildings, and other hard surfaces
- Individual washing of motor vehicles without a shut-off nozzle
- Irrigating ornamental turf on street medians or commercial properties
- Street cleaning or construction, unless no other source of water can be used.

DSRSD may update these prohibitions if the State makes any modifications.

Celebrating our water 💧



May is celebrated in California and recognized by the California Department of Water Resources as Water Awareness Month.

Why it matters: Dublin San Ramon Services District’s mission is to “Protect public health and the environment by providing reliable and sustainable water, recycled water, and wastewater services in a safe, efficient, and fiscally responsible manner.”

Water Awareness Month gives us the opportunity to raise appreciation for our water quality, conservation, and reliability.

The big picture: We are thrilled to see improvements from the last three years of severe drought, though it’s always important to remember that conservation is a way of life in California.

- It’s always in style to save water, and DSRSD’s website offers [water-saving tips](#) for both indoors and outdoors that are handy year-round.
- Peruse the [Tri-Valley Water Partners website](#) and learn how the District partners with water wholesaler Zone 7 Water Agency and other Tri-Valley water retailers on ensuring water reliability now and for the future.

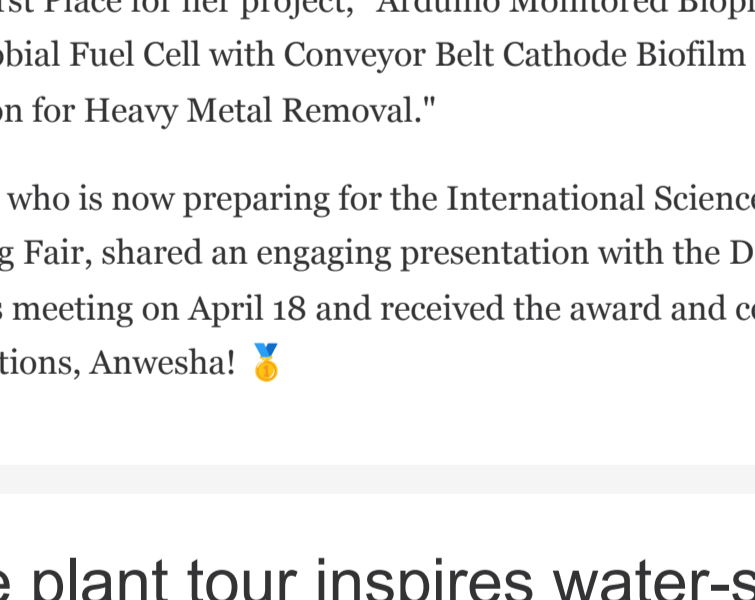
Recognizing tomorrow’s scientists



Celebrating students is always a pleasure for the DSRSD Board of Directors, and the District was fortunate to have a Dublin student receive a First Place award in the Alameda County Science & Engineering Fair.

Why it matters: The District is one of nine water and wastewater agencies in Alameda County that sponsor the award for Excellence in Water, Wastewater & Recycled Water Research.

This special regional award recognizes projects that contribute to our understanding of relevant topics and emerging concerns of our industry.

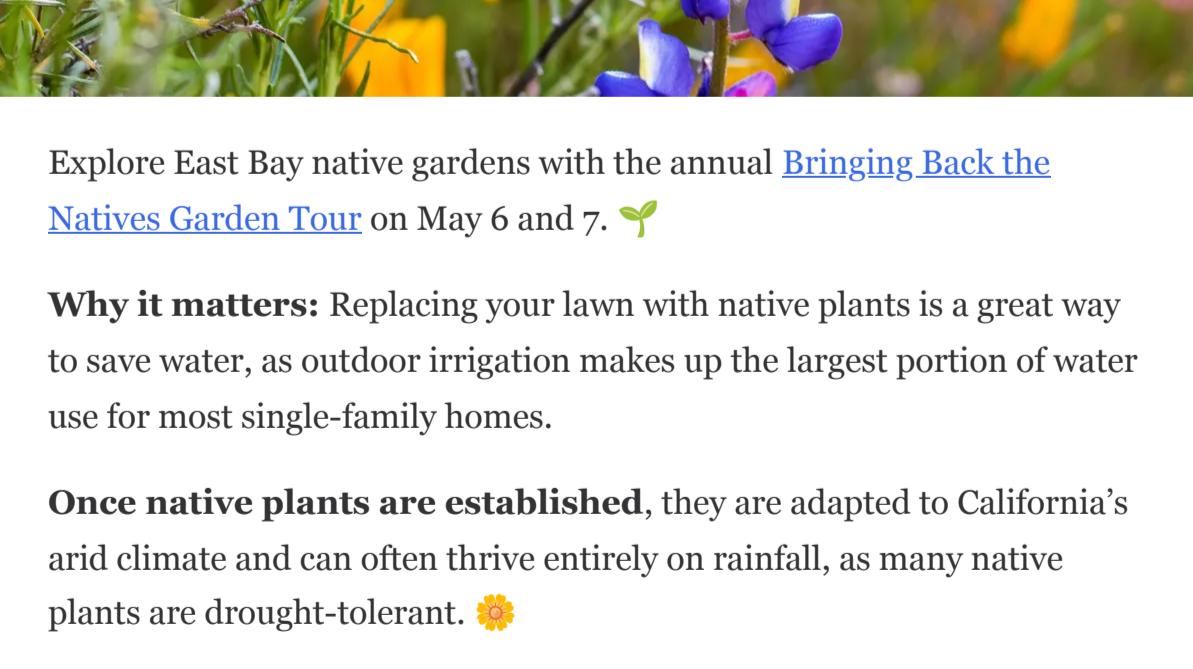


Anwesha Ghosh presents her project at the April 18 DSRSD Board of Directors meeting.

A round of applause: Dublin High School junior Anwesha Ghosh received First Place for her project, “Arduino Monitored Biophotovoltaic Algal Microbial Fuel Cell with Conveyor Belt Cathode Biofilm Modification for Heavy Metal Removal.”

Anwesha, who is now preparing for the International Science and Engineering Fair, shared an engaging presentation with the DSRSD Board at its meeting on April 18 and received the award and certificate. Congratulations, Anwesha! 🎉

Native plant tour inspires water-saving gardens 🌻



Explore East Bay native gardens with the annual [Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour](#) on May 6 and 7. 🌿

Why it matters: Replacing your lawn with native plants is a great way to save water, as outdoor irrigation makes up the largest portion of water use for most single-family homes.

Once native plants are established, they are adapted to California’s arid climate and can often thrive entirely on rainfall, as many native plants are drought-tolerant. 🌻

Go deeper: [Register now](#) for this weekend’s free Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour to see how others have created native gardens, and get inspiration for your own yard. Local gardens include stops in San Ramon, Livermore, and Danville, as well as cities throughout the East Bay.

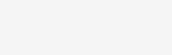
Rebates are available for [lawn conversions](#) to water-wise gardens through DSRSD and wholesaler Zone 7 Water Agency.

As we move through May, take moments to consider this Water Awareness Month and what water means to you, your community, and to California. 💧 If you would like to subscribe or have questions, email pipeline@dsrsd.com or visit the [newsletter online](#).

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