

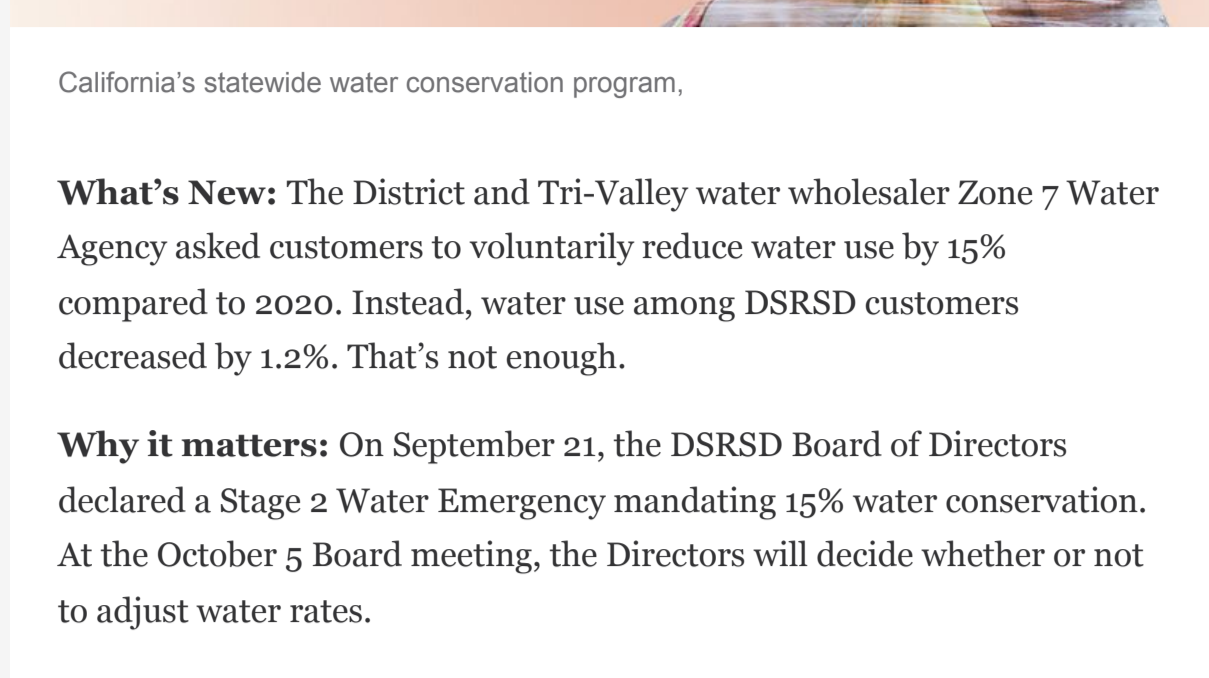
DSRSD Pipeline

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15% Mandatory Water Conservation



California's statewide water conservation program.

What's New: The District and Tri-Valley water wholesaler Zone 7 Water Agency asked customers to voluntarily reduce water use by 15% compared to 2020. Instead, water use among DSRSD customers decreased by 1.2%. That's not enough.

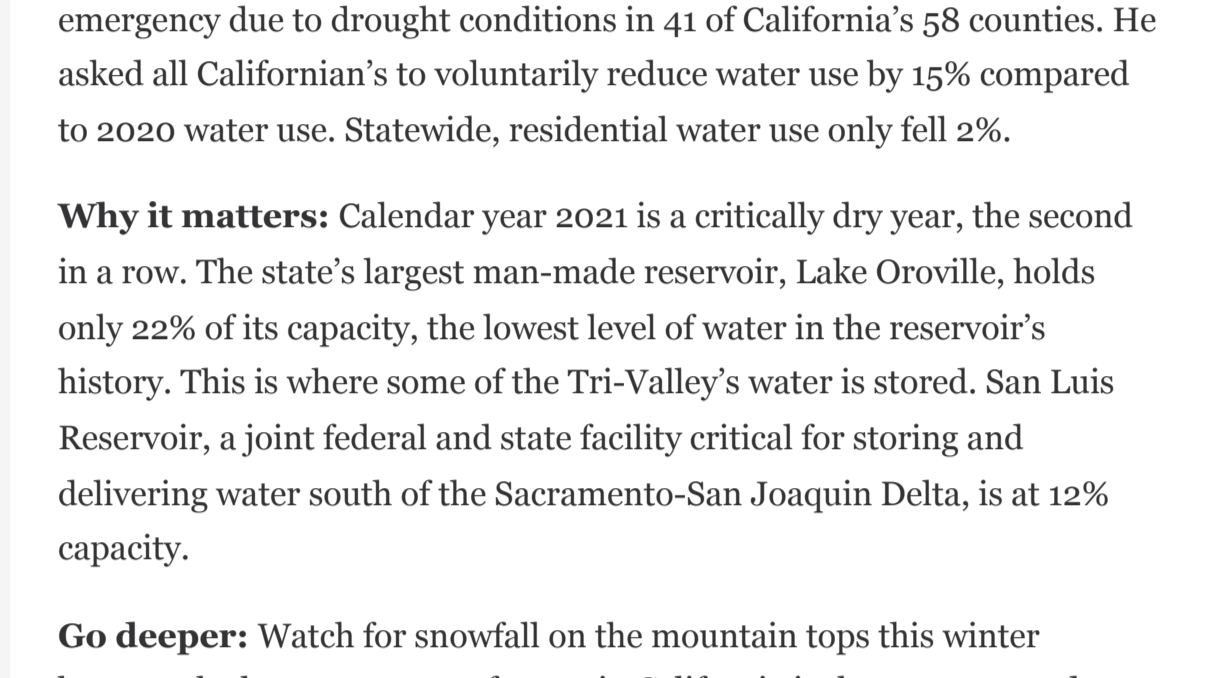
Why it matters: On September 21, the DSRSD Board of Directors declared a Stage 2 Water Emergency mandating 15% water conservation. At the October 5 Board meeting, the Directors will decide whether or not to adjust water rates.

Go deeper: DSRSD is limiting potable water irrigation to three non-consecutive days per week until the end of October and only one day per week from November through February. Outdoor irrigation comprises about 40% of the average residential customer's water use, so reducing frequency and length of time of irrigation is an easy way to reduce water use.

Here's more [tips on how to conserve:](#)

- Only run full loads of laundry and dishes
- Find and [fix leaks](#)
- Shorten showers
- Turn water off when brushing teeth and shaving

California's Save Our Water Campaign



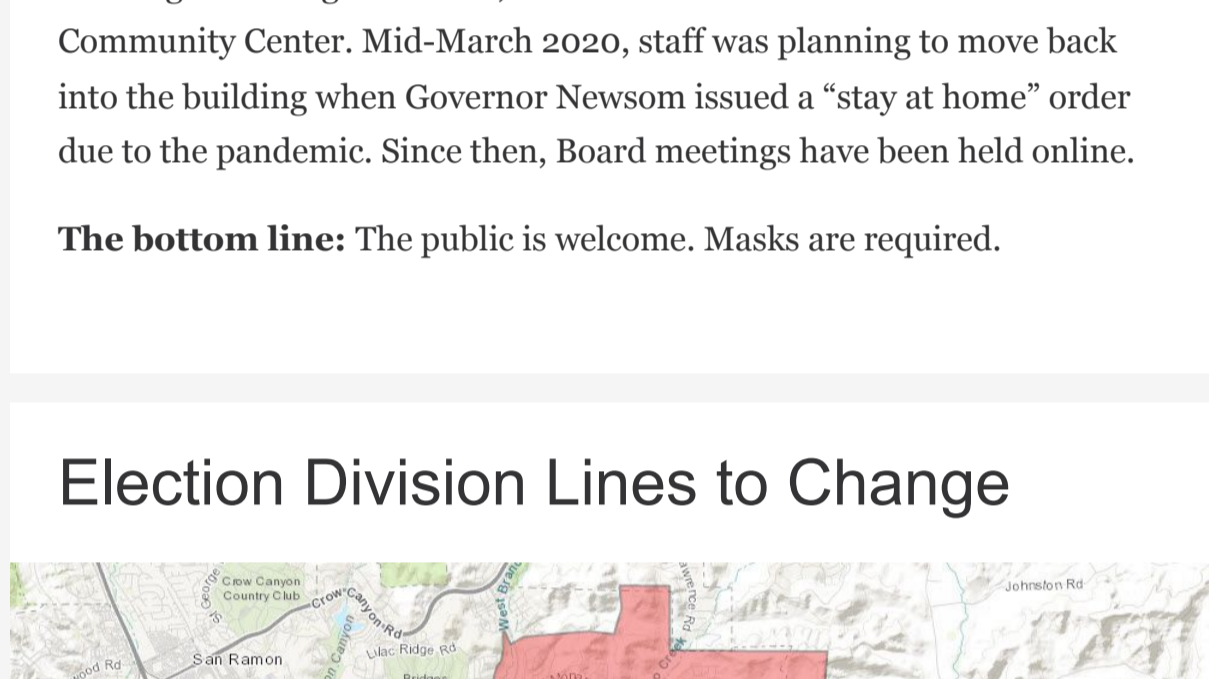
A drone view of Lake Oroville from the South Fork showing extremely low water under the Enterprise Bridge during the drought. Photo taken July 26, 2021, courtesy of the California Department of Water Resources.

What's New: In May, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency due to drought conditions in 41 of California's 58 counties. He asked all Californian's to voluntarily reduce water use by 15% compared to 2020 water use. Statewide, residential water use only fell 2%.

Why it matters: Calendar year 2021 is a critically dry year, the second in a row. The state's largest man-made reservoir, Lake Oroville, holds only 22% of its capacity, the lowest level of water in the reservoir's history. This is where some of the Tri-Valley's water is stored. San Luis Reservoir, a joint federal and state facility critical for storing and delivering water south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, is at 12% capacity.

Go deeper: Watch for snowfall on the mountain tops this winter because the largest storage of water in California is the snow-capped mountains. However, if there is very little snow, that's an indicator drought conditions will continue or worsen.

Directors Resume In-Person Meetings in Boardroom



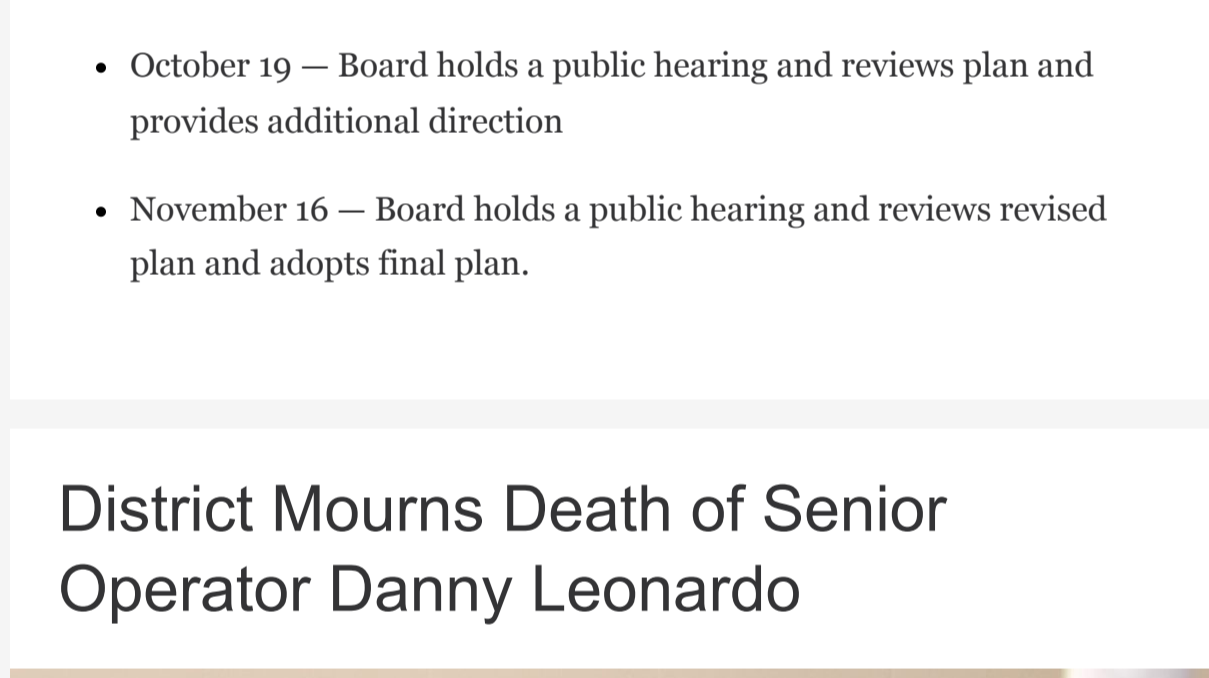
The Boardroom was restored following the November 2018 flooding at the District Office in Dublin.

What's New: On October 5, the DSRSD [Board of Directors](#) will resume meeting in the boardroom located in the District Office, 7051 Dublin Blvd, Dublin.

Why it matters: Three years ago, the District Office building was flooded, which made the building uninhabitable. During the 17 months the building was being renovated, the Board met at Dublin's Shannon Community Center. Mid-March 2020, staff was planning to move back into the building when Governor Newsom issued a "stay at home" order due to the pandemic. Since then, Board meetings have been held online.

The bottom line: The public is welcome. Masks are required.

Election Division Lines to Change



The current election divisions in DSRSD's service area. Click the map to open an interactive version.

What's new: The current election divisions were created using the 2010 Census. Now these divisions need to be redrawn using the new 2020 Census data.

Why it matters: The process to do so begins at the October 5 Board meeting. The Board encourages public input.

The bottom line: Customers are welcome to participate in the process. Check our [website](#) and follow us on [social media](#) for updates.

Go deeper: Meeting dates are as follows:

- October 5 — Board receives a presentation on election redistricting using new census data and provides demographer with direction regarding proposed voting area maps
- October 19 — Board holds a public hearing and reviews plan and provides additional direction
- November 16 — Board holds a public hearing and reviews revised plan and adopts final plan.

District Mourns Death of Senior Operator Danny Leonardo



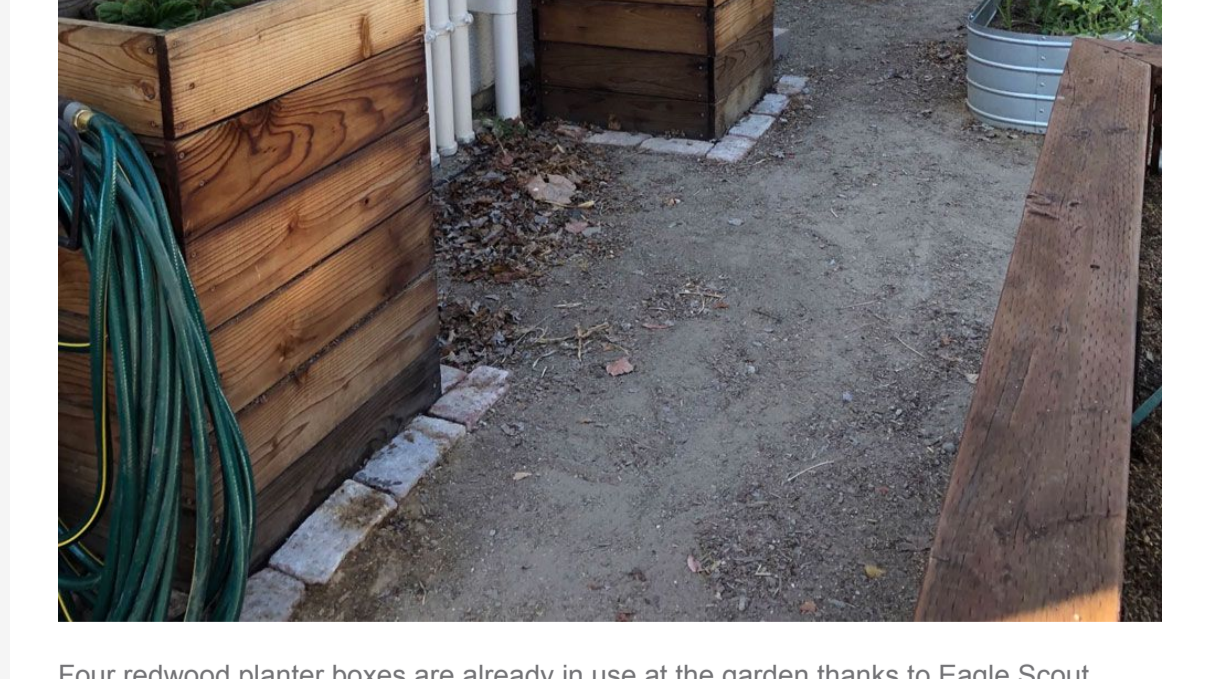
Senior Water/Wastewater Systems Operator Danny Leonardo, who passed away September 24, 2021, is shown here giving a tour of the water system during Water Professionals Appreciation Week in 2017.

A DSRSD loss: You might have noticed the District Office flag flying at half-mast September 24 to 27. It was to honor the loss of Senior Water/Wastewater Systems Operator [Danny Leonardo](#), a friend and colleague for more than 18 years.

A devoted member of staff: Voted *Employee of the Year* by his peers in 2017, Danny's smile was larger than life, his personality as welcoming as they come, and his dedication to serving this community an inspiration to others. He will be missed.

Remembering Danny: Funeral services are Wednesday, October 6, at 11 a.m. at St. Bernard's Church, 165 West Eaton Avenue, Tracy.

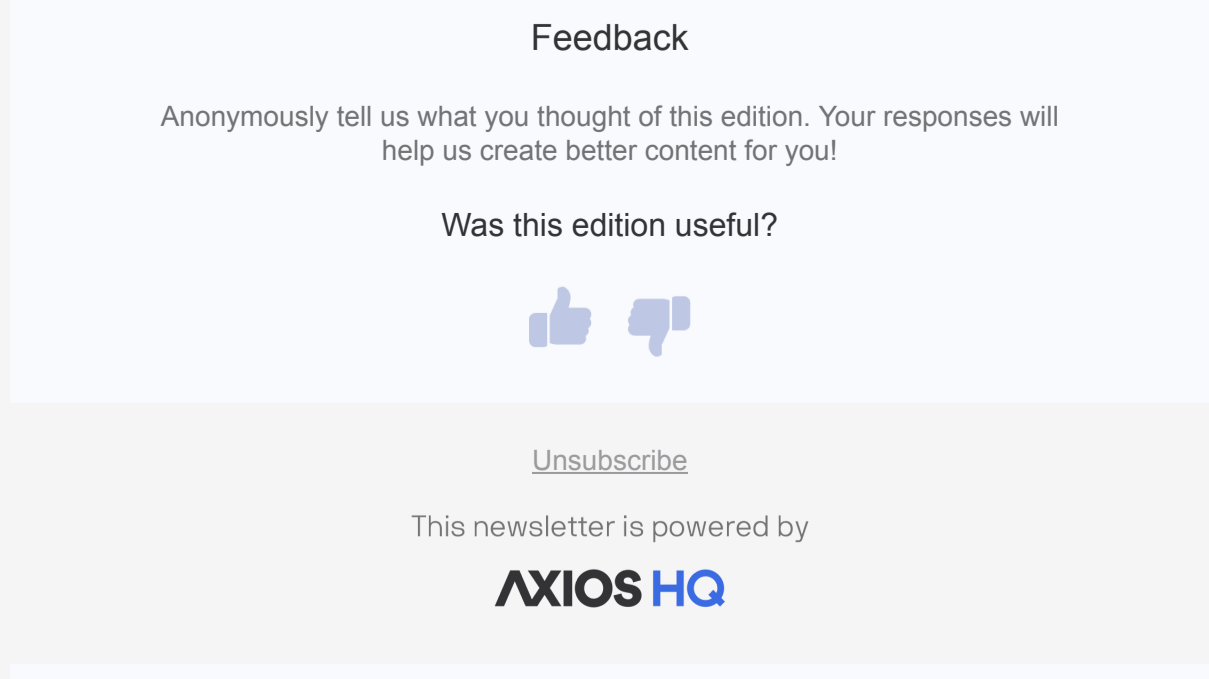
Two More Eagle Scout Projects Improve the Garden



One of the new picnic tables in the garden from Eagle Scout Julian Lavaysse.

What's New: Two more Eagle Scouts from Scout Troop 905 have contributed to the renovation of the District's Demonstration Garden. Volunteers from Troop 905 helped design, construct, and install the following projects:

- Two picnic tables, under the leadership of Eagle Scout Julian Lavaysse
- Four planter boxes for the employee garden area, under the leadership of Eagle Scout Aaditya Punnamraju



Four redwood planter boxes are already in use at the garden thanks to Eagle Scout Aaditya Punnamraju.

Why it matters: Since 1992, Troop 905 has used space in the District's utility building to store their meeting materials and camping gear. The troop has been participating in enhancements to the Demonstration Garden through ongoing community service projects and Eagle Scout projects.

Be like a witch this Halloween month—use a broom to sweep your driveway and not a hose! Saving water is witchy fun!

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