



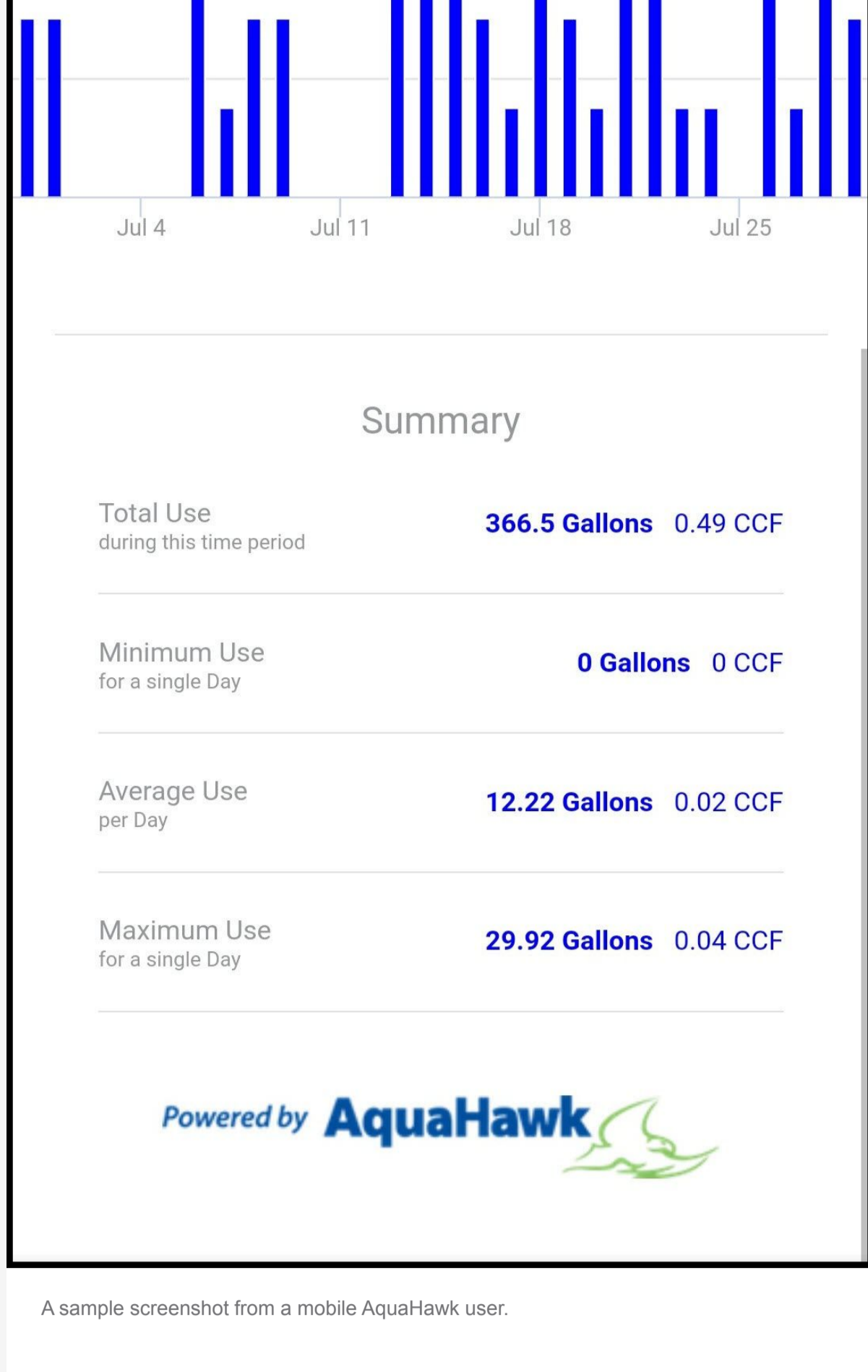
# DSRSD Pipeline

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Happy holidays! No matter what you celebrate this season, reflect on ways to stay water-wise as the drought continues.

## Water Conservation Improves



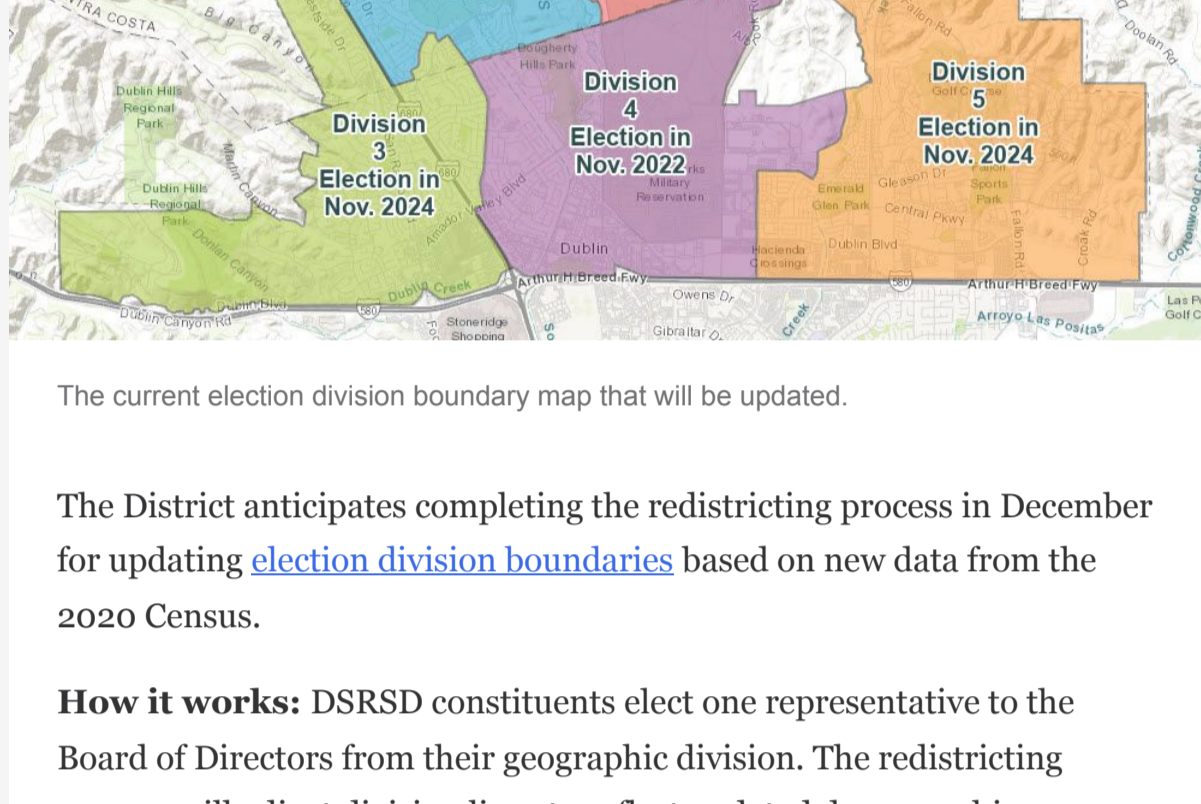
A sample screenshot from a mobile AquaHawk user.

Dublin San Ramon Services District customers helped reduce potable (drinking) water use by 26% in October 2021 compared to October 2020. Customers reducing their outdoor landscape irrigation contributed the biggest factor in this achievement.

**Why it matters:** As the drought continues, saving water outdoors and indoors remains imperative. Wet weather in October played a part in reducing water use. Continue using water wisely this winter by only watering once a week and never during or within 48 hours of measurable rainfall.

**Monitor your water use online** with the [AquaHawk customer portal](#). AquaHawk offers 24/7 access to hour-by-hour water use on your account. This tool can help discover leaks and give you a better handle on overall water consumption. Customer Services staff can walk you through setting up alerts based on water consumption. Reach them at 925-828-8524.

## Updating DSRSD’s Election Areas



The current election division boundary map that will be updated.

The District anticipates completing the redistricting process in December for updating [election division boundaries](#) based on new data from the 2020 Census.

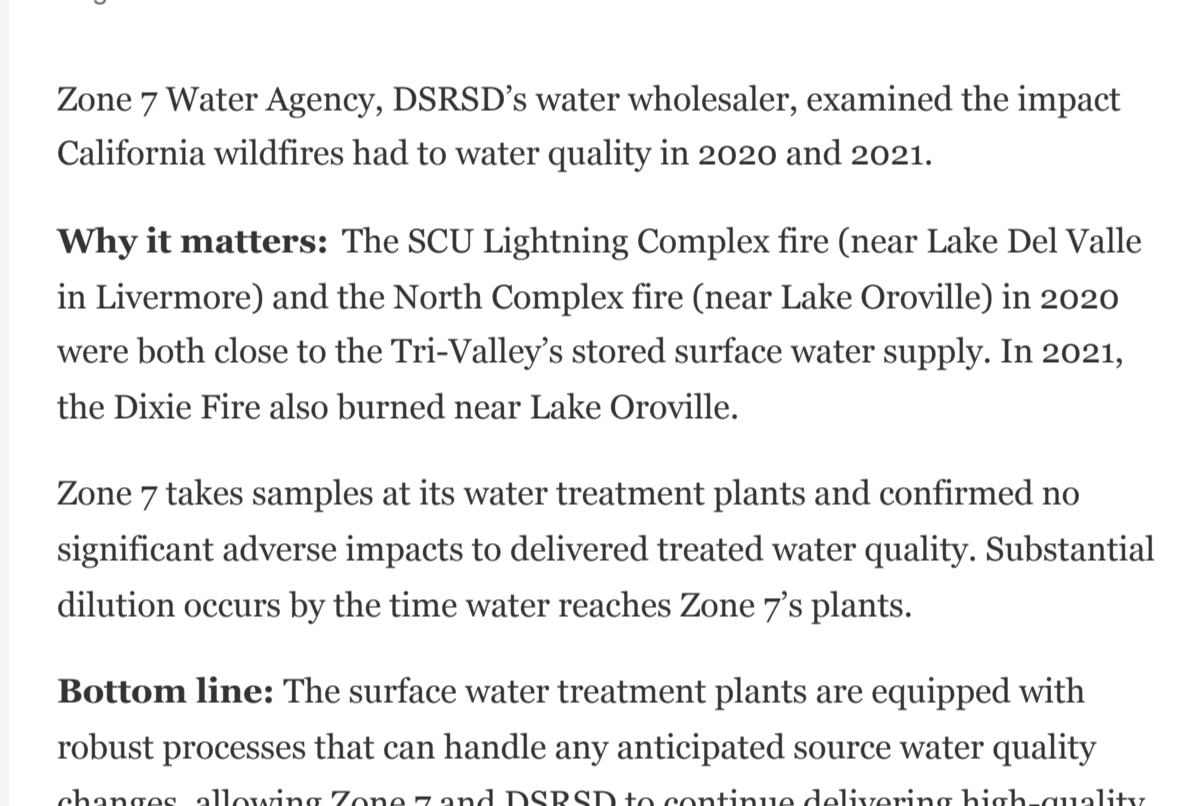
**How it works:** DSRSD constituents elect one representative to the Board of Directors from their geographic division. The redistricting process will adjust division lines to reflect updated demographic information.

**Upcoming public meetings** on redistricting:

- **6 p.m. Tuesday, December 7:** The Board will hold a public hearing to review the selected final plan map.
- **6 p.m. Tuesday, December 21:** The Board will hold a public hearing to adopt the final map.

The [Board meetings](#) are held in person at 7051 Dublin Blvd., Dublin.

## No Wildfire Impacts to DSRSD Water



The glow from the SCU Lightning Complex fire approaches over the hills of Del Valle Regional Park in 2020.

Zone 7 Water Agency, DSRSD’s water wholesaler, examined the impact California wildfires had to water quality in 2020 and 2021.

**Why it matters:** The SCU Lightning Complex fire (near Lake Del Valle in Livermore) and the North Complex fire (near Lake Oroville) in 2020 were both close to the Tri-Valley’s stored surface water supply. In 2021, the Dixie Fire also burned near Lake Oroville.

Zone 7 takes samples at its water treatment plants and confirmed no significant adverse impacts to delivered treated water quality. Substantial dilution occurs by the time water reaches Zone 7’s plants.

**Bottom line:** The surface water treatment plants are equipped with robust processes that can handle any anticipated source water quality changes, allowing Zone 7 and DSRSD to continue delivering high-quality water to customers that meets or exceeds state and federal requirements.

## Happy Holidays to Your Sewer

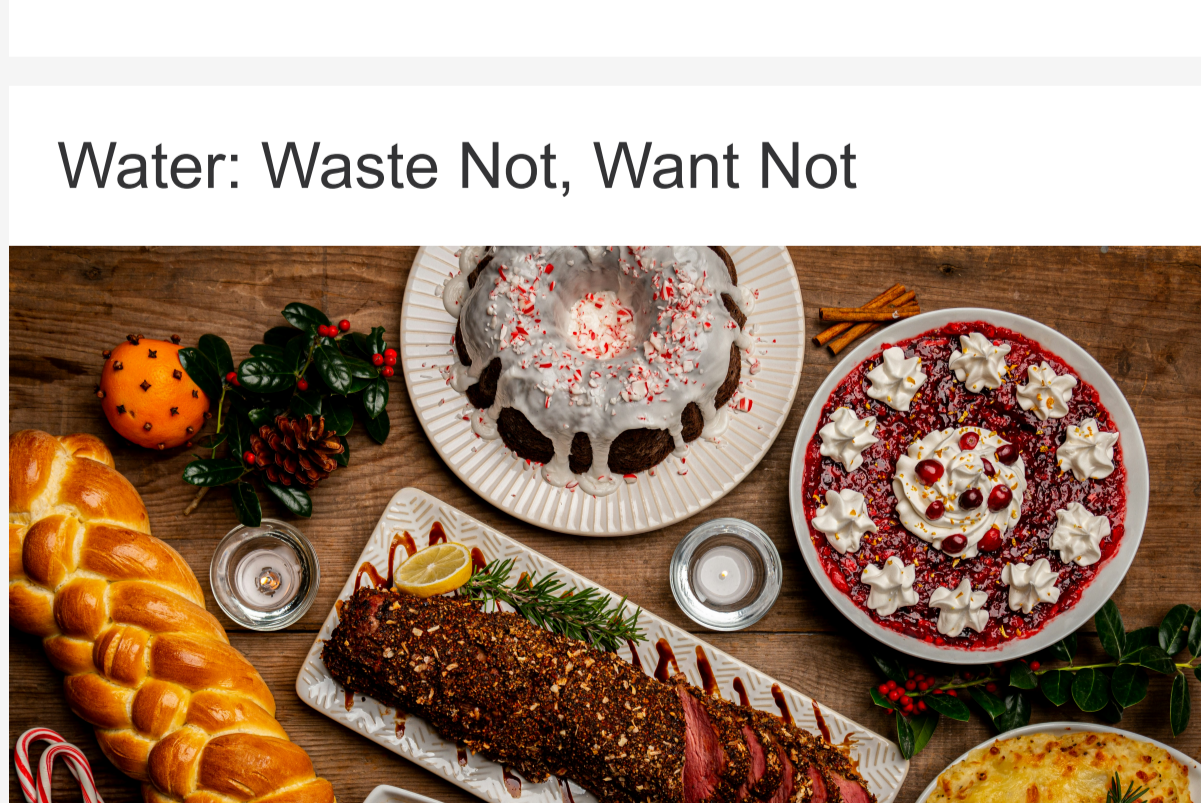


Keep sewer pipes in your home and in the public sewer system running smoothly this season by properly disposing of fats, oils, and grease when cooking.

**Problem:** Cooking oil, meat scraps, gravy, mayonnaise, salad dressings, and high-fat dairy products can all clog pipes. It doesn’t help to rinse with hot water or use the garbage disposal—grease will harden further down the drain.

**Solution:** Scrape oils from plates and pans or wipe with a paper towel and place in the green waste or garbage. Large amounts of cooking oil, such as from a deep fryer, can be collected and dropped off at a recycling center. Find a location via [Baywise](#) or [RE:Source](#).

## A Career in Water or Wastewater



Senior Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Stephan Kozanda (right) works on the UV light disinfection system at the water recycling plant. Kozanda is a BACWWE alum.

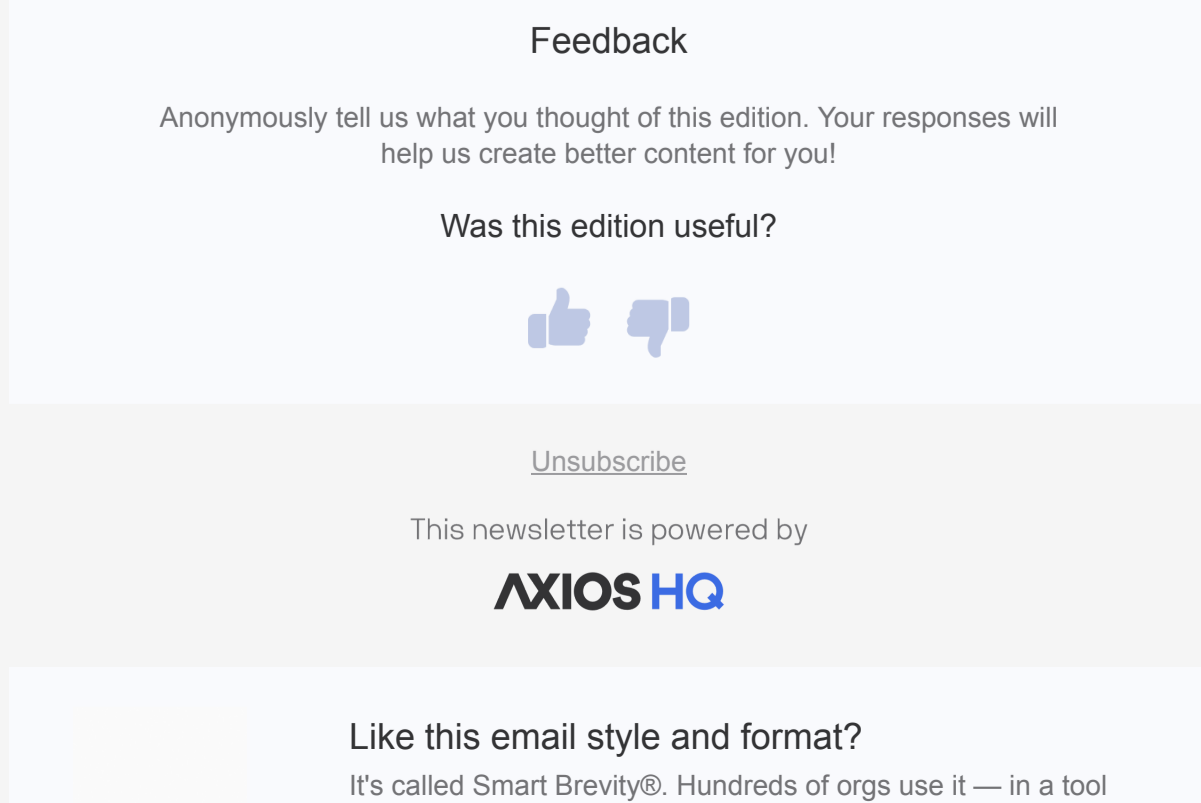
The Bay Area Consortium for Water & Wastewater Education (BACWWE) program offers college-level classes that help students prepare to enter the field of water and wastewater.

**Why it matters:** Skilled staff are essential to protecting public health and the environment. DSRSD is one of more than 20 agencies part of BACWWE, which helps reimburse students for tuition and books.

**Classes are held** in person and online through partner community colleges. Learn more and find links to college classes at: [bacwa.org/education/bacwwe](#).

**Meet some of** the District’s BACWWE [alumni](#).

## Water: Waste Not, Want Not



Prepping for and cleaning up after holiday meals are an easy time to save water.

The holidays are a time to celebrate, and they can even be a time to keep up with your water conservation. Tri-Valley wholesaler [Zone 7 Water Agency](#) shared these tips on saving water when cooking meals this season:

- Defrost turkeys and other meat in the refrigerator instead of with water. This method requires a little extra planning: a large frozen item like a turkey requires at least 24 hours for every 5 pounds, according to the [US Department of Agriculture](#).
- Scrape leftovers from plates into the trash or green waste instead of rinsing food scraps and oils down the sink (it helps drains too!).
- Wash only full loads in the dishwasher.

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