

DSRSD Pipeline

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Closing out 2021 with successful end-of-year water conservation—let’s keep it going in the new year!

Customers Hit Water-Savings Goal



The bar chart shows DSRSD customer drought response from July to December, comparing 2020 to 2021, measured by total consumption in acre feet (1 acre foot is about 325,850 gallons, or enough water to fill a football field 1 foot deep). The red line displays water savings.

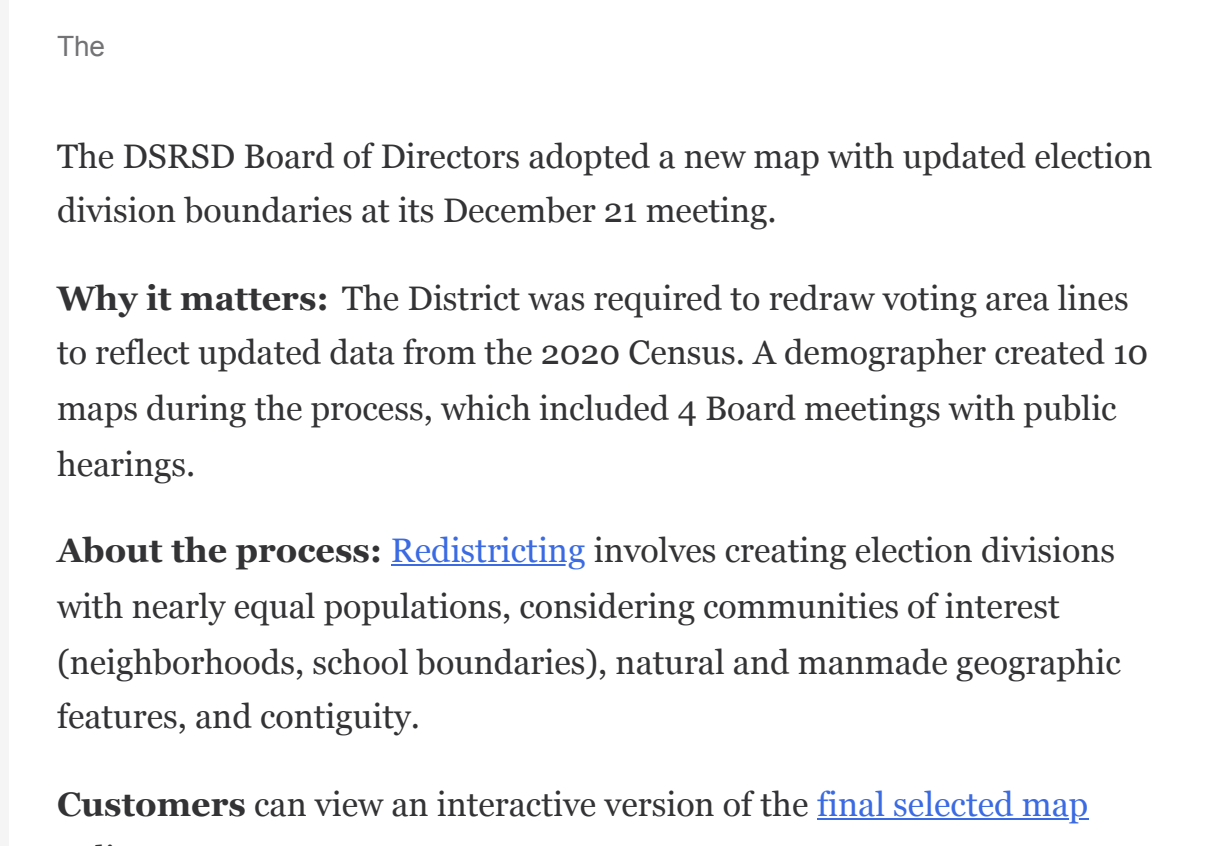
Way to go! Water customers in Dublin San Ramon Services District contributed to a 23% water savings in November. The Districtwide goal is a 15% savings over the course of a year.

Why it matters: Recent rainy days are something to celebrate, though the Tri-Valley—and all 58 California counties—remain in a drought. DSRSD congratulates and thanks its customers for stepping up to save water.

However, Lake Oroville (the Tri-Valley’s main water source) is still only at 37% capacity as of December 28. Saving water now is as important as ever.

Learn more about [water conservation](#).

Updated Election Divisions Approved



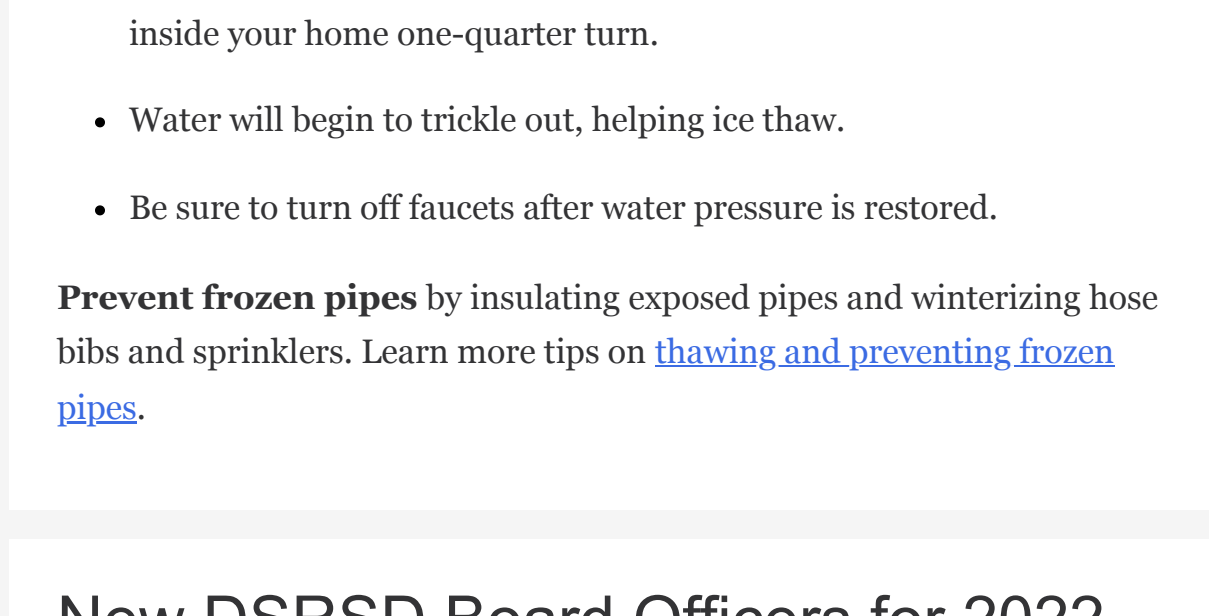
The DSRSD Board of Directors adopted a new map with updated election division boundaries at its December 21 meeting.

Why it matters: The District was required to redraw voting area lines to reflect updated data from the 2020 Census. A demographer created 10 maps during the process, which included 4 Board meetings with public hearings.

About the process: [Redistricting](#) involves creating election divisions with nearly equal populations, considering communities of interest (neighborhoods, school boundaries), natural and manmade geographic features, and contiguity.

Customers can view an interactive version of the [final selected map](#) online.

Prevent Frozen Pipes this Winter



Brrr! Save yourself stress this winter by being knowledgeable about

Winter weather may be milder in California compared to other parts of the country, but frozen pipes are still a nuisance to be aware of this time of year. If you turn on a faucet after a very cold night and only a trickle comes out, chances are good ice has formed inside a water pipe.

Don’t panic: Frozen pipes will often thaw as temperatures warm.

- In the meantime, you can reduce water pressure by opening faucets inside your home one-quarter turn.
- Water will begin to trickle out, helping ice thaw.
- Be sure to turn off faucets after water pressure is restored.

Prevent frozen pipes by insulating exposed pipes and winterizing hose bibs and sprinklers. Learn more tips on [thawing and preventing frozen pipes](#).

New DSRSD Board Officers for 2022



Board President Richard Halket and Vice President Marisol Rubio.

The Board elected Richard Halket as President and Marisol Rubio as Vice President for the new year. The Board voted unanimously on these selections at the December 7 meeting.

Richard Halket has served on the Board since 2004. He is a resident of Dublin and represents Division 3.

Marisol Rubio was elected to the Board in 2020. She is a resident of San Ramon and represents Division 1.

Meet the [DSRSD Board of Directors](#).

Easy Indoor Water-Saving Tips



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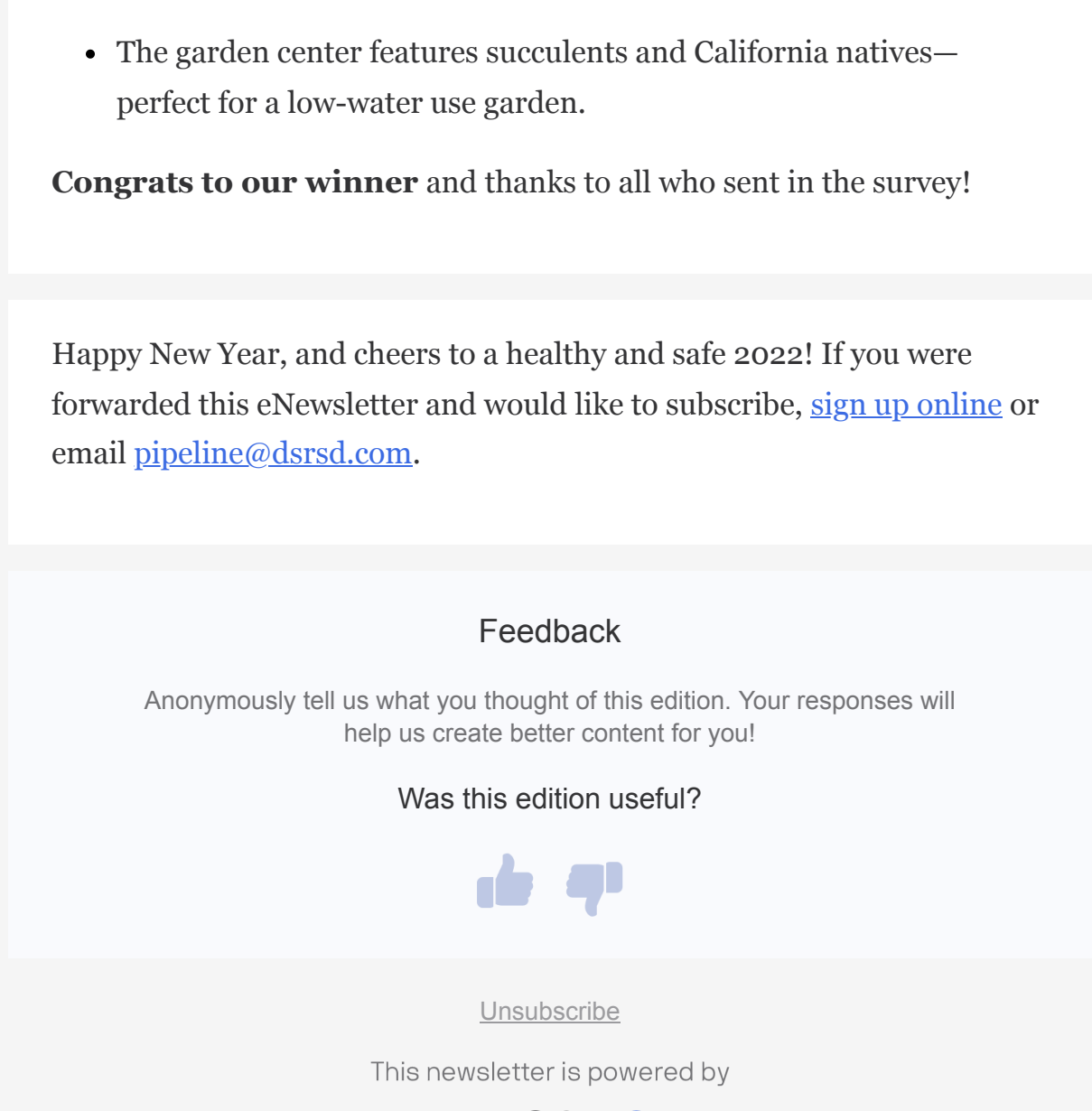
Thankfully, winter offers cooler, shorter days that reduce the need for outdoor irrigation. There are also simple steps for saving water while spending time indoors at home during these colder months.

Indoor residential water-saving tips:

- Run dishwashers and clothes washers only at full capacity.
- Turn off faucets when brushing teeth.
- Defrost foods in the refrigerator instead of under running water.
- Reduce shower times (aim for about 5 minutes).
- Scrape food off plates and into the compost or trash instead of rinsing down the sink (this helps sewer lines too!).

Learn more [indoor and outdoor water-saving tips](#).

Biennial Report Drawing Winner



The July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020,

DSRSD published a [Biennial Report](#) covering July 2019 through June 2021, which was mailed to customers within our service area this fall. The report covered how the District is investing in the future, increasing efficiency and savings, and protecting public health and the environment.

Drawing winner: The mailed report included a survey for customers to fill out and send back, with a drawing for completed survey participants.

- Rao Vemuri of Dublin was chosen from the drawing and was sent a gift card to SummerWinds Nursery in Dublin.
- The garden center features succulents and California natives—perfect for a low-water use garden.

Congrats to our winner and thanks to all who sent in the survey!

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