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## IN MEMORY OF DIRECTOR HASELTON

On July 30, 2016, Director James Haselton passed away. Director Haselton, or better known as Jim to his friends and family, was a TCWD Director since March 1995 who served on multiple District Committees, most notably, the Finance/Audit Committee. Also, Director Haselton was very active in local youth sports, church services, and community organizations. Jim will be greatly missed by his fellow Directors and District staff that enjoyed his affable nature and the personal stories of family vacations and adventures that he would share.

As such, there is currently a vacant position on the TCWD Board of Directors. In accordance with Government Code, this matter was discussed at the August 17, 2016, Regular Board Meeting, at which time the Board decided to proceed with the appointment of a Director for the remainder of the term through December 2, 2016. Interested individuals may visit the TCWD website at [www.tcwd.ca.gov](http://www.tcwd.ca.gov) or contact the main office for more information.

## WATER CONSERVATION ACTION LEVEL LOWERED

From June 2015 to May 2016, Governor Brown issued State of Emergency Water Conservation Orders, which for the first time in state history, mandated that the state reduce water usage by 25% compared to 2013 usage. However, some agencies like TCWD were given higher mandates due to the greater daily use per person. TCWD's initial mandate was set at 32%, but staff worked with the State Water Board to reduce that number to 28%! During this period, TCWD customers saved an impressive cumulative total of 27.9%, which equates to approximately 270 million gallons or about 67,000 gallons per connection!

The Board of Directors and the District staff thank you for helping us meet our mandate. We appreciate the many ways you have conserved water, which includes following the two-day per week watering schedule, not wasting water through irrigation runoff, promptly fixing sprinkler leaks, converting to drought tolerant landscapes, and simply being more diligent and efficient in using water.

Last winter's rains and increased snow pack resulted in an increase of available water to the State, however, California still remains in a drought. Serious drought conditions exist especially in the southern half of the State, which includes greater Orange County. In response to these slightly improved conditions, the State Water Board is no longer mandating that TCWD reduce its water consumption by 28%. As a result, TCWD's Board of Directors lowered the Level 2/Water Alert to a Level 1/Water Watch at the July 20, 2016, Regular Board Meeting by resolution. Soon the Drought Emergency signs (seen below) with the target arrows will be replaced with postcards mailed to each customer with the Level 1 Actions.



The Level 1/Water Watch action level includes a four day watering schedule, obligation to fix leaks, breaks or malfunctions within 72 hours, as well as TCWD's Water Conservation Ordinance Permanent Provisions. For more information concerning TCWD's Water Conservation Ordinance, please visit our website at [www.tcwd.ca.gov](http://www.tcwd.ca.gov).

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

### **PLANO TRABUCO SEWER LIFT STATION AND WWTP INFLUENT EQUALIZATION BASIN REPAIR/REHABILITATION**



**Rehabilitated sewer lift station wall coating**

**LOCATIONS:** Plano Trabuco Sewer Lift Station (buried tank next to Plano Trabuco Road) and Robinson Ranch Wastewater Treatment Plant

**SUMMARY:** Removal and replacement of the tank wall coating to preserve the structural integrity of the underlying concrete walls and roof.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Plano Trabuco Sewer Lift Station is an integral facility for the District that collects wastewater (20,000 gallon sewage capacity) for conveyance to the Robinson Ranch Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The WWTP Influent Equalization Basin receives all of the wastewater collected from the District's sanitary sewer system and holds it prior to treatment (85,000 gallon sewage capacity). The facility concrete walls and roof require coating to protect the concrete structure from the corrosive environment, which naturally occurs in the sewer system. Both facilities were rehabilitated approximately ten years ago, and District staff budgeted for the projects in the Ten Year Capital Improvement Program used in the preparation of the new rates effective on January 2016.

**COST:** Approximately \$102,000.

**SCHEDULE:** The project was completed in July 2016.

**STAFF INVOLVED:** Wastewater System Operators, Engineer & contracted services

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REGULAR

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

The following items are highlights or matters discussed at the July and August Regular Board Meetings:

- Public Hearing and Approval of Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Undeveloped Land & Water Standby Charge
- Approval of SOCWA Salt & Nutrient Management Plan-Monitoring & Data Collection costs
- Adoption of Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Appropriations Limit
- Authorization of Utility Billing System Upgrade and Maintenance Services
- Authorization of the Execution of Easement Quitclaim Deeds and Acceptance of Grant of Easement related to the Alternate Raw Water Transmission Line Project – FEMA No. PW79
- Adoption of Water Conservation Resolution for the Implementation of a Level 1/Water Watch Action Level
- Adoption of Resolution Concerning District Health Benefits for 2017

The Board of Directors Regular Meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the District's Administrative Facility located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon. The public is encouraged to attend.



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