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NEWSLETTER

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BOARD APPROVES REDUCTION IN WATER RATES

When TCWD's current five-year schedule of water rates was approved in June 2023, the Board of Directors committed to annual reviews to compare actual financial conditions against rate study assumptions to evaluate if rates could be adjusted lower than originally authorized. **Although construction and imported water costs continue to outpace inflation estimates, the Board conducted the first such review in May and identified other areas of savings that can be passed on to our TCWD customers. As a result of the annual analysis, the Board approved a reduction in water rates to be applied to bills issued after August 1, 2024. The approved reduction will average approximately 5% for TCWD customers.**

PRIORITIZING PROJECTS TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND AND RESPOND TO REGULATION CHANGES

As part of this first annual review, the Board considered the budget, timing, financing options and necessity of planned capital improvement projects. Recognizing unprecedented inflation in construction costs since the pandemic and increases in interest rates, only the most critical infrastructure improvements will move forward.



One area of identified savings is the evaluation of necessary water storage in the District's system. California will soon adopt additional water conservation regulations. As the new state conservation measures are implemented over the next decade, TCWD customers' water consumption is expected to decrease over the long-term.

The District anticipates its current reservoir storage volumes are sufficient to defer any new reservoir projects until the impacts of the new regulations are better understood. Given these changed circumstances, the Board removed the proposed reservoir project from the current plan.

The TCWD Board decided it was more prudent to eliminate any additional water storage capital projects, and instead offer a reduction in rates to our customers.

WATER QUALITY REPORT

YOUR WATER CONTINUES TO MEET STRICT QUALITY STANDARDS

TCWD is committed to providing our customers with safe, reliable water 24/7. The District is proud to report that, as always, your water continues to meet all federal and state water quality standards. You can read more about your water in detail in TCWD's new Water Quality Report.

TCWD prepares a Water Quality Report every year to share the results of water quality testing from the previous calendar year. The report includes detailed facts about where TCWD's water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to drinking water standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State Water Resources Control Board.

To safeguard your water, TCWD staff conducts hundreds of water quality tests annually from multiple representative sample locations throughout our service area. The tests are analyzed in a certified water quality laboratory.

You may have seen recent media coverage of PFAS, or so-called "forever chemicals." TCWD has not detected PFAS in our water supplies. For more information, visit tcwd.ca.gov/your-water/water-quality.

2024 Water Quality Report

TRABUCO CANYON
Water District

DATA FOR 2023

READ THE REPORT
You can read TCWD's 2024 Water Quality Report at tcwd.ca.gov/your-water/water-quality.





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Due to the popularity of our previous “Chat with TCWD,” the District is planning for another session in the near future. Please look for future announcements regarding the date and time.

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