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#### **News**



#### San Dieguito Board Recognizes Landscape Contest Winners

The San Dieguito Water District Board of Directors recognizes the Kessler Family for winning the District's 2022 WaterSmart Landscape Contest. This annual competition rewards water-efficient landscapes created by customers of participating water agencies.

#### North County Water Agencies Offer Low-Cost Rain Barrels

To encourage water conservation as drought conditions persist, Carlsbad Municipal Water District, Olivenhain Municipal Water District, San Dieguito Water District, and Santa Fe Irrigation District have partnered to offer discounted rain barrels to area residents this fall. Collecting rainwater for future use not only can save drinking water and money, but also reduces irrigation runoff that can carry pollutants into local waterways and beaches.

Fifty-gallon barrels are on sale for \$97, with a final cost of \$62 after a \$35 rebate. Rain barrels ordered from October 1 to November 30 will be available for pick up at Solana Center for Environmental Innovation located at 137 North El Camino Real in Encinitas.

Visit <u>www.solanacenter.org/rain-barrels</u> for more information and to order rain barrels.

# City of San Diego Identifies Additional Repairs Needed at Hodges Dam

Ongoing repairs currently underway at Hodges Reservoir Dam have led the City of San Diego to determine more work is needed to address additional defects that were detected and to ensure the safety of the dam.

### **Resources & Programs**

#### **Rebates & Incentives**

Residential, Commercial, & Agricultural Rebates. Find info at socalwatersmart.com.

#### WaterSmart Checkup

Complimentary water-saving recommendations from an irrigation professional. Find info at <u>watersmartcheckup.org</u>.

#### Landscape Makeover Videos On Demand

Step-by-step process of creating your very own water-efficient landscape. Find info at watersmartsd.org.

## The Right Plants for Your Landscape

The online plant finder can assist you through a comprehensive database of choices well suited to this region's Mediterranean climate. Find info at watersmartlandscaping.org.



San Dieguito Water District has been serving coastal Encinitas since 1922. The District serves the communities of Leucadia, Old Encinitas, Cardiff, and portions of New Encinitas.

#### Press Release here.

On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, San Dieguito Water District Board President Mosca, Vice-President Blakespear, and District staff inspected ongoing repairs at Hodges Dam. The City of San Diego's staff provided updates on construction activities and discussed the collaborative efforts between the City of San Diego, Division of Safety of Dams, San Diego County Water Authority, Santa Fe Irrigation District, and San Dieguito Water District.

#### Agencies Cooperating to Refurbish Reservoir for Recycled Water

As drought conditions worsen in California, the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority is partnering with the San Dieguito Water District and Olivenhain Municipal Water District to expand water recycling in North County.

The tank will provide needed storage for recycled water for irrigation and industrial uses by customers of both agencies. Press Release **here**.

#### Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

Low income households may qualify for assistance on their past-due water bills. To qualify, household income must be at or below 60% of the State Median Income or a household member is a current recipient of CalFresh or CalWORKs. Interested San Dieguito customers can reach out to Capempesinos Unidos, Inc. on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 am - 11:30 am and 1 pm - 3pm to check eligibility and schedule an interview. (619) 391-9790

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