

PURISSIMA PIPELINE

Rate Increase At the March 10th Board meeting, following a public hearing, the Directors approved increases to the water rate unit charge. The new rates become effective, as follows, with the March 2010 billing cycle:

Residential Rates

Units* of Water Consumed	Water Rate December 2007	Water Rate March 2010
1-10	\$2.15/unit	\$2.70/unit
11-30	\$2.75/unit	\$4.15/unit
31-60	\$3.75/unit	\$5.60/unit
61-100	\$5.25/unit	\$7.05/unit
101-200	\$7.25/unit	\$8.50/unit
Over 200	\$8.05/unit	\$9.95/unit

*One unit = 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons

The institutional water rate unit charge was increased to \$4.85 for all units used.

What You Can Do to Reduce the Impact of the Rate Increase on Your Water Bill To minimize the impact of the increased water rates, you should begin now to take steps to reduce your water use this summer. Landscape irrigation, the major use of water, offers the greatest opportunity to save. Watering efficiently, selecting low-water-use plants, and reducing the amount of turf are all steps you can take to reduce your water consumption. For more conservation ideas, please visit our website at www.purissimawater.org or call our Conservation Specialist, Alexis Shields, at (650) 948-1217.

Spring is Packed with Opportunities for You to Become a Water Wise Gardener!

- ~ California Native Plants for Bay Area Sustainable Gardens - Instructor: Chris Todd. Saturday, April 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Los Altos Hills Town Council Chambers. Discover California's vast array of native plant species suitable for the home garden. Learn about soil preparation for healthy plant growth and sustainability. Please call (650) 349-3000 or email landscape@bawsca.org to register.
- ~ Going Native Garden Tour, Sunday, April 18th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Purissima Hills Water District's drought tolerant landscape is part of this year's tour! This event is free but requires registration at: www.goingnativegardentour.org.
- ~ Slow the Flow: Water Wise Landscaping Conference at Foothill College, Saturday, April 24th. **Please see the reverse side for details on the conference and how to register.**
- ~ Replace your Thirsty Lawn with California Natives - Instructor: Deva Luna. Wednesday, May 12th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Los Altos Hills Town Council Chambers. Learn the benefits of using California native plants as alternatives to your lawn. Create a beautiful natural habitat. Please call (650) 349-3000 or email landscape@bawsca.org to register.

Purissima Hills Water District Conservation Incentive Program The Purissima Hills Water District has created a conservation program designed to meet the specific needs of our customers by providing limited funding to help customers implement selected water conservation projects. To qualify for funding, we invite our customers to submit a proposal for home irrigation and landscape projects that will reduce annual water usage. If you are interested in participating in this conservation program, please submit a proposal that includes the following information:

1. Description of the water conservation project being proposed and how the project will result in reduced water use.
2. The annual amount of water that the proposed project will conserve.
3. The estimated cost of the entire water conservation project.

Proposals will be accepted through May 31, 2010. Please call the District Office at (650) 948-1217 if you have any questions. Submit your water project for consideration to:

Purissima Hills Water District
Attn: Water Conservation
26375 Fremont Road
Los Altos Hills CA 94022