



## Santa Nella County Water District

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### New Regulation: Salt Control Program

The State of California will begin implementing new permit requirements for monitoring and reporting salt accumulation in surface water and groundwater throughout the Central Valley. High levels of salt in waters and soils reduce water quality and affect crops, drinking water, and habitats. The Salt Control Program (Program) will protect beneficial water uses and seeks to manage salt through antidegradation requirements, restoration, and reasonable and feasible projects. The goal is to achieve long-term sustainability.

The Program is broken into three phases, which will last about 10-15 years. The District is required to participate in the program and has elected an Alternative Approach. In this approach the District will be required to participate in and provide a minimum level of financial support for a Study that will be led by the Central Valley Salinity Coalition. The District will be required to implement management practices and measurements to control salt discharges. The costs will be spread among the participants of the study and will be imposed based on the size of the sewer collection system, and the amount (in million gallons) of water produced and/or treated (potable and waste). Over time regulatory fees will rise for the District that may result in future rate increases.

The District will continue to follow all new and existing regulations, and strives to provide safe and reliable drinking water to all customers in Santa Nella!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office.

### Proposed Reduced Water Allocation Conservation Measures

If you have been watching the news lately, you know that the State of California is experiencing another drought. The District received reduced water allocation from the water wholesaler for the 2021 water year and will be proposing a strict water conservation program to the Board in April. Notices will be sent to all customers during April and May. Please review the detailed notice when you receive your bill and follow the program! See page two of this newsletter to see your proposed watering day.

Together we can ensure plenty of water supply for Santa Nella through conservation!

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# What Does Not Belong in the Sewer System?

## 'Flushable Wipes' Are Causing Costly Problems

Your home's sewer lines are connected to the sewer system via large pipes located in the street or public easement. The pipes form a network of main sewer lines that interconnect various neighborhoods, moving the collected wastewater through a series of lift stations to the wastewater treatment plant.

This system is actually very fragile. There are many items that can create damage to the sewer system pipes and pumps when allowed into the system via home and/or business drains and toilets. The result is sewer back-ups, and costly repairs and maintenance that affect sewer rates.

The following are things that should never be put into drains, toilets, cleanouts, manholes or any other part of the sewer system:

- **'Flushable Wipes', Rags or Cloth:** never throw any type of flushable wipes, rags or cloth into the sewer. The cloth gets stuck in submersible pumps, rendering the pump inoperable. When pumps cannot pump because of clogs, sewer back-ups result. Many wipes marketed as flushable are an increasing problem for property owners, sewer systems, and ratepayers because they do not break down in the sewer system.
- **Sticks, Leaves and Vegetation:** never throw any type of sticks, leaves, or other vegetation into the sewer. They can become lodged in the pipe and prevent the flow of wastewater.
- **Grease:** never pour grease down the sink drain or toilet! Grease cannot be broken down effectively during the wastewater treatment process. It clings to the pipes and builds up over time. Cold weather solidifies the grease and blocked sewage can surge up through sinks, floor drains and toilets.
- The following items should never be flushed down the toilet. They are not designed to breakdown in wastewater. They impede the flow of wastewater, and can clog pipes and pumps:
  - Paper towels
  - Sanitary napkins and tampons
  - Diapers
  - Flushable wipes

By keeping these items out of the sewer, you can keep your wastewater flowing away from your home or business and into the wastewater plant!



# Proposed Water Conservation Program

- ◆ Outside watering is allowed only **ONE day per week** between April 9, 2021 and September 30, 2021.
- ◆ No Outside watering allowed from October 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022.
- ◆ Outside Watering Hours: 4:00am—8:00am AND 7:00pm-10:00pm ON SCHEDULED WATERING DAY ONLY.
- ◆ Commercial Businesses North of Interstate 5 and Highway 33 crossing: TUESDAY
- ◆ Commercial Businesses South of Interstate 5 and Highway 33 crossing: WEDNESDAY
- ◆ Residential Homes and Romero Grammar School: SATURDAY
- ◆ Mobile Home Park and Golf Course Mobile Homes: SUNDAY
- ◆ NO WASHING DOWN DRIVEWAYS OR BUILDINGS, INCLUDING MOBILE HOMES
- ◆ NOTICES WITH FULL RESTRICTIONS WILL BE MAILED OUT DURING APRIL AND MAY.

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