

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

# WATERLINE REPORT

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The Board of Directors meets regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the District Office. JBWD is an equal opportunity provider.

## JBWD Urban Water Management Plan Five-Year Update Being Drafted

*What is an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)?* This is a report that water suppliers serving 3,000 or more connections - like JBWD - must prepare to show that the District is working not only to ensure that today's water needs are met, but also that the District is planning for the long-term future needs of the community.

This report must be submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) every five years. It takes into consideration the reliability of the District's water sources over a 20-year planning period, considering normal, dry, and multiple dry years.

New since the last UWMP update is the "20 x 2020 Plan". The "20 by 2020 Plan" determined that in order for the state to have enough water to support its growing population, water use must be reduced by 20% per person, per day by the year 2020. That means an increased focus on conservation. But since our local water consumption is already low, the water use reduction goal by 2020 for JBWD is only 5%.

An important element in preparing the UWMP update is participation of our customers in discussing and reviewing the draft before the document is made final. Our Citizens Advisory Committee's first task was to provide input during the creation of the District's 2005 UWMP, and now they are reviewing the update as it is being drafted. The Committee encourages anyone who has interest to attend these meetings. To be notified of the upcoming meetings, email [jbwd@jbwd.com](mailto:jbwd@jbwd.com), or call 760.366.8438.

## Looking Forward to Spring?

If you enjoy gardens, are concerned with conservation, and yearn to learn about native and low-water-use gardening, you may want to join our outstanding volunteer docent group.

Docents receive training sessions on how to care for and propagate native desert plants, and are provided with detailed information about the *Joshua Tree Water Wise Demonstration Garden*. The docents give guided tours of the garden to help spread the word about conserving water outdoors.

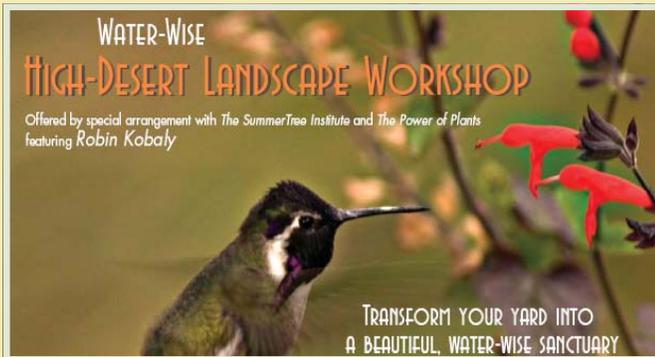
In the Spring, the docents will celebrate the first anniversary of the *Joshua Tree Water Wise Garden* Grand Opening, with many activities planned. There is no cost to become a *Water Wise Demonstration Garden* docent; the only requirement is an interest in conservation gardening! To get started, contact Kathleen Radnich at 760.218.2822 or [kradnich@jbwd.com](mailto:kradnich@jbwd.com).



**Don't Miss Out - the Next Landscape Workshop  
is Saturday, February 12, 2011, 12 to 3 p.m.  
at the Joshua Tree Community Center**

Call (760) 363-7229 or email [info@summertree.org](mailto:info@summertree.org)

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## Recharge Project Fast-Fact

*Joshua Tree has a history of thoughtful planning for its future water supply. In 1990 the community voted in favor of a bond measure to fund the construction of the Morongo Pipeline that would someday bring much-needed water to the District. That pipeline was built; it ends at the District boundary. With promised grant dollars, we can continue the plans to bring the water into our District by building a pipeline and settling ponds that will replenish our underground supply.*



Butterfly Milkweed Flowers Picture Courtesy of  
Graham County North Carolina Wildflowers List



# Plant of the Month

## Butterfly Milkweed

### *Asclepias tuberosa*

Successful in full sun, this colorful wildflower produces a lot of nectar, making it very attractive to butterflies and caterpillars. While most milkweeds have a thick milky sap, butterfly milkweed does not ooze the sticky sap when leaves, stems or pods are torn. Bright orange blooms occur from May to September containing five petals each. With a deep taproot, this species does not transplant easily, but provides a beautiful drought hardy specimen for any landscape.



Picture Courtesy of DePauw  
University's Natural History Department