

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

WATERLINE REPORT

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The Board of Directors meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the District Office.

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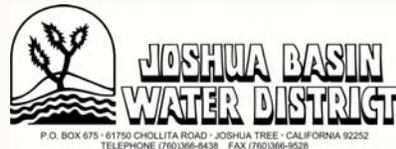
Joshua Basin Water District Has a New Image (While Keeping the Traditional)

The District has adopted a new contemporary style logo (at right) that will eventually replace our traditional logo (below).



For some time, JBWD will be using both logos. The reason is that the District wants to cut costs, and replacing all signs, truck identification decals, letterhead and other printed items all at one time would be very costly.

We're watching the budget closely, so the updated logo will only be used when items that bear the District's logo need replacing. An example would be, when a new sign is required to replace a faded and unusable sign.



So now we have a new updated look, but don't be surprised to find our traditional logo being used as well for about the next 2-3 years.

Taking High-Efficiency Outdoors

We know that high-efficient fixtures are available for kitchens and bathrooms, but did you know that you can take that water savings outdoors as well?

Here's an example of a useful six-position garden hose nozzle. Choosing the right setting for each plant's specific needs can save you water.

It has a mister for adding humidity, gentle flow for deep watering, shower setting for delicate plants, and three other precise settings.



Photo courtesy of Niagara Conservation
www.niagaraconservation.com



The World Water Crisis

Did you know, worldwide...

Our thirst for water rises, but the Earth's water supply does not. During the 20th century, the world population tripled, but water use increased sevenfold.

More than a billion people have no access to safe drinking water.

Eighty percent of developing-world diseases are related to lack of safe drinking water

Contaminated or poor-quality water is the 2nd leading cause of infant mortality in the world.

How the world uses water:

1. Agriculture (70%)
2. Industry (22%)
3. Domestic use (8%)

In developing countries, gathering water can take up to 4 hours a day, walking for miles. This means risking health and safety; including attack by people or wild animals.

Over 70% of people who collect water this way are women and girls. This daily chore prevents tens of millions of girls from going to school.

So, How Valuable is Clean Water?

We have heard that "Water is Life", but what does that really mean?

Water provides; health, nutrition, education, livelihood. It plays a vital role in providing food, energy, sanitation and environmental sustainability.

This puts in perspective how fortunate we are to have clean, healthful, affordable water delivered to our taps all day, every day.

Sources: UN World Water Development Report; One Drop Foundation

More to See Now at Joshua Basin Water District's Water Wise Demonstration Garden

Our Water Wise Demonstration Garden is getting some upgrades, thanks to the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council and related basin art organizations.

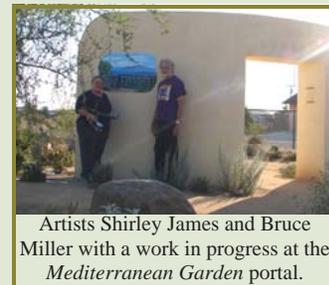
The art organizations generously offered a beautiful solution to the question District staff was considering; how to post signs on the portals to each of the themed gardens.



James' design for the Thornless Garden

Local artist Shirley James was selected to paint a mini-mural depicting each garden's theme; Bruce Miller is painting the lettering.

JBWD would like to thank our local artists organizations, and Bruce and Shirley - Well Done!



Artists Shirley James and Bruce Miller with a work in progress at the Mediterranean Garden portal.

Plant of the Month

Blue Palo Verde *Cercidium floridum*



Mojave Water Agency photo

For year-round beauty and spring magnificence, few desert-adapted trees can rival the Blue Palo Verde. Known for its abundant flowers, the *Cercidium floridum* has distinctive clusters of fragrant golden-yellow blossoms that appear in spring.



Photo courtesy of Jacklyn Anderson

With its unique texture, blue-green color, and brilliant flower displays, Blue Palo Verde is sure to be a focal point in any landscape.

For more information on low water use gardening, see www.jbwd.com or www.hdawac.org