

WATERLINE

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

REPORT

"Joshua Tree... It's the water!"

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

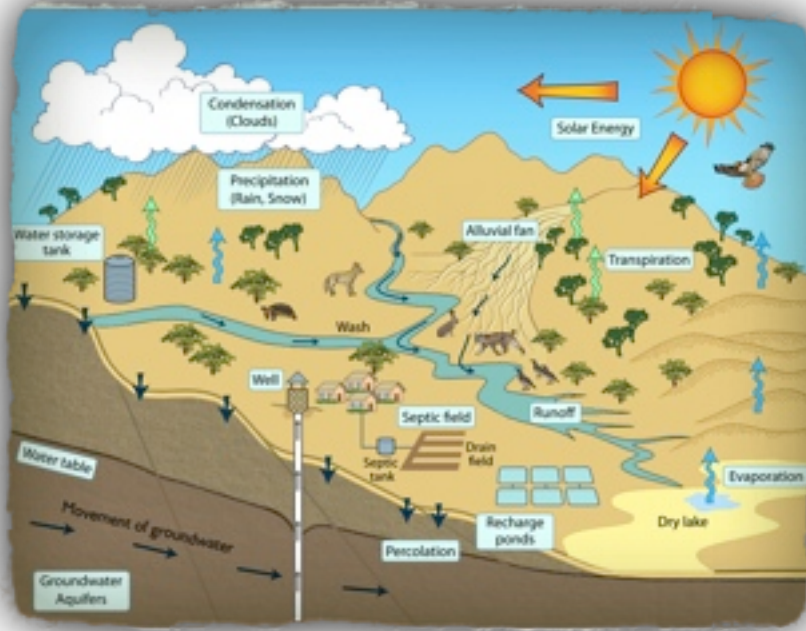
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JOSHUA BASIN TANK MURAL TO DEBUT!

Our water comes from an ancient underground aquifer. Many wonder how the aquifer water “replenishes” itself, and the truth is, it doesn’t. The water we receive from our minimal rainfall is consumed by nature’s plants and wildlife, or evaporates with our climatic dryness. As a community, we are drawing more water from our underground wells than is being replaced. This is called “overdraft.” A mural, depicting our desert’s water cycle will be installed in the heart of town on our Park Blvd. water tank to educate and remind all about how precious our water resource is!



JOIN US!

The Water District will be hosting a Chamber Mixer open to the general public on Saturday, October 11th, from 4-6pm. Come meet the artists, and see the process involved in creating the tank art mural! Enjoy garden tours, light refreshments along with taste testing of local native plant teas (Prickly Pear and Desert Lavender!)

SPECIAL REMINDERS

Board Meeting:
Wednesday,
October 1st
and 15th

Chamber Mixer:
Saturday 4-6PM
October 11th

On Call for
Water
Emergencies
24/7!

The Desert Hydrological Cycle

Pictured is the draft conception of the mural to be painted on the Park Blvd. water tank. Local volunteer art professionals and Yucca Valley high school students will begin painting October 9th-10th (weather permitting.) Local plants, animals and more will be added with the artists’ brush!

A COMMUNITY OWNED
WATER DISTRICT



AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
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Drought Ordinance Reminders:

- Do not allow potable water for landscape to runoff *anywhere*
- Wash motor vehicles using a hose shut-off nozzle
- Do not spray off walkways; brush or sweep them clean
- Repair leaks immediately
- Utilize overhead water landscape sprinklers between 8PM and 9AM

Read more about the Drought Ordinance at: www.jbwd.org and click on:

DROUGHT UPDATE

HELP PROTECT OUR WATER QUALITY!

Mark your calendars now — YOU can make a difference!



What we put in the water . . . stays in the water

Drop-Off Event
for prescription drugs and used sharps/needles
Saturday, November 15
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Helen Gray Education Center parking lot

HI-DESERT MEDICAL CENTER

October 2014 Plant of the Month



California Fuschia *Epilobium cenum/ Zeuscheria californica*

California Fuschia is an easy to grow, semi-evergreen, low water use perennial sub-shrub with tubular orange-red flowers that offer nectar for hummingbirds during migration. It tolerates full sun or part shade, and is cold hardy to 10°F. This is not a true fuschia, and yet it is also known as the Hummingbird Fuschia that is a late season bloomer (June-October) that tolerates drought, heat and wind once established, and performs often when many natives are dormant. Plant away from high traffic as stems are brittle. Stunning when planted in masses, along slopes or against rocks, but equally beautiful in pots or hanging baskets.



For more information on low water use gardening, contact your local water provider or go to www.f20arwac.org

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FALL... is the perfect season to plant native and water wise plants!

Come visit our Water Wise Demonstration Garden at the District Office, or schedule a free docent-led tour to learn how to create a beautiful garden that can ultimately save water, time and money! New to the garden this fall are beautiful interpretive signs and helpful plant identification markers full of useful information.

For more ideas or information, visit our website at: www.jbwd.org, or stop by our Farmers' Market booth on Saturdays in Joshua Tree!

