

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

# WATERLINE REPORT

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## The 2012 *Water Wise Watercourse*

One hundred and ten fifth grade students from Joshua Tree learned the importance of water conservation by attending Joshua Basin Water District's *Water Wise Watercourse*.

Students learned about the water cycle, groundwater pollution, and the many reasons why water is essential for life.

The *Course* included a field trip to the Water Wise Demonstration Garden where the kids attended "breakout sessions" to learn the many reasons why water is so important to all of us.

Later, students and their families installed water efficient fixtures in their homes, then measured the savings.

The final result? Our Joshua Tree kids took responsibility for conserving over 600,000 gallons per year.

"That's a significant amount of water!" stated Deb Bollinger, the District's conservation coordinator. "These young students were keenly interested in making a difference—the statistics prove they have!"



Dear Deb,  
Thank you for showing me the wonderful garden and how to conserve or save water.



## District Board Meetings

The JBWD Board of Directors meets regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the District Office.



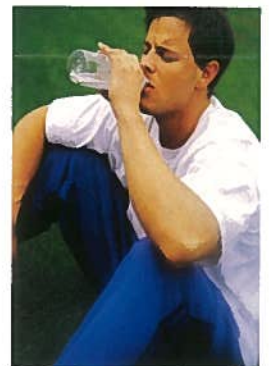
The public is encouraged to attend.

You can also watch meetings on Time Warner Cable Channel 10 in the Morongo Basin. Our Board meetings are broadcast each Wednesday at 7 pm.

Or, pick up a DVD recording of the Board meeting - available at the District office, the Joshua Tree Library, and at our booth at the J.T. Saturday Farmers Market.

## This Summer Stay Cool, Hydrated and Healthy

- ☺ Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing
- ☺ If you're feeling too warm, a quick cool shower can lower your body temperature
- ☺ Drink more healthy liquids than usual
- ☺ Avoid alcohol and liquids high in sugar
- ☺ Limit outdoor activity to morning and evening hours
- ☺ Drink plenty of water, and increase to 2 to 4 cups of water every hour while working or exercising outside
- ☺ When it's too hot outside, stay in air-conditioned buildings
- ☺ Call 211 to find your nearest cooling center



## Plant of the Month

### Apache Plume - *Fallugia paradoxa*



Apache Plume is one of our showiest native desert shrubs. Rose-like, white flowers in spring produce eye-catching, silky pink seed plumes from May to December, said to resemble an Apache headdress. This fast-growing shrub may lose some of its dark green leaves in cold winters. It is extremely tolerant of heat and drought, and is an important erosion control plant. Apache Plume likes full sun but accepts part shade, and needs only occasional if any

irrigation after it becomes established. Give this plant ample room - it doesn't stay small for long.

**Plant Form:** Semi-deciduous Shrub

**Mature Size:** 2-6' tall, 5' wide

**Water Use:** Very Low

**Exposure:** Full Sun

**Native to:** So. Calif, SW U.S.

**Hardiness:** Cold Hardy to -10° F

*For more information on low water use gardening, see [www.jbwd.com](http://www.jbwd.com)*



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