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will be closed
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July 4 in
observance of
Independence
Day**

Recharge Project

Moves Forward

\$3 Million Grant Funding Awarded

The Recharge Project is moving forward. The District was recently awarded a grant of over *three million dollars* for this project.

Along with other grants and funding from outside agencies, JBWD now has the budget needed to complete construction.

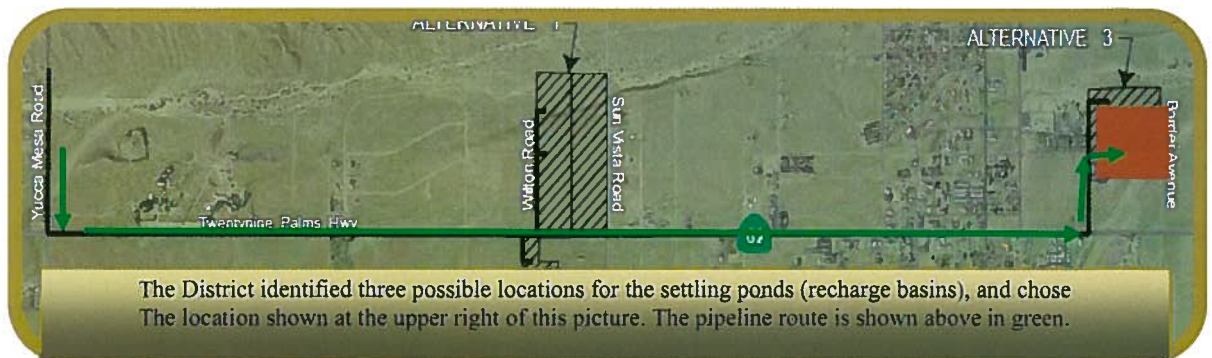
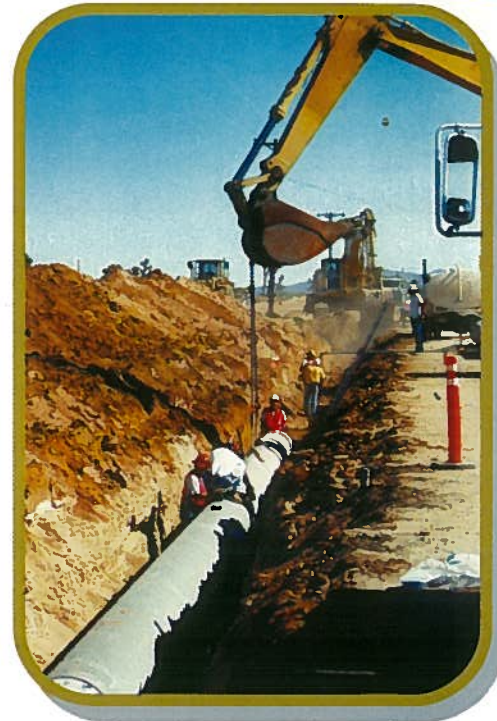
Historic Project for Joshua Tree

The Recharge project is an important milestone for our community. More than 20 years ago, local voters approved a tax that paid for a 70-mile pipeline to bring water to our area.

Those voters knew that our natural water supply was limited, and they had a long-term vision to ensure a reliable supply for the future. That pipeline (the Morongo Basin Pipeline) was built, but it ends at the District boundary.

Now, more than two decades later, that long-term vision is becoming a reality. With the new grant funding, we can now build a pipeline

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Recharge Project

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from the Morongo Basin Pipeline connection at Yucca Mesa Road, to the recharge basin site about four miles away.

The new pipeline will bring water to recharge basins (small ponds), where the water will slowly seep down into our natural underground aquifer.

The level of water in our aquifer has been steadily declining over the past several decades; the additional imported water brought in through the recharge project will help to stabilize the water supply *and* keep the high quality of water that we all enjoy.

100 Ways to... Use Our Water Wisely! 81 through 85 Summertime

Use the tips below to make the most of your water during this hot, dry season.

81. Save it From Evaporation: Keep pools and spas covered when they're not being used
82. Get With the Times: Re-set timers on automatic watering systems to water at night
83. Re-use: water used inside the home can often be taken outside and used again to water plants; for example, water used to rinse fruits and vegetables in the kitchen sink; save it in a dishpan and use it to water plants outdoors
84. Beat those Leaks: Remember to check irrigation systems periodically for leaks
85. Use the Buddy System: for your plants; group plants with the same watering needs together to avoid overwatering some while underwatering others.

Citizens Advisory Committee

Are you interested in our community's water? Consider joining our Citizens Advisory Committee. The Committee is made up of volunteers from all walks of life; they discuss policy issues and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. Pick up an application form at the District office, or contact Executive Secretary Marie Salsberry by email at jbwd@jbwd.com or by phone at 760.366.8438.



Plant of the Month: Damianita - *Chrysactinia mexicana*

Damianita is a cheery, compact evergreen shrub covered with yellow, daisy-like flowers spring to fall. While technically a shrub, it is used like a flower, creating a vivid, yellow carpet when massed. Planted in groups, damianita forms a ground cover useful for erosion control on slopes.

Damianita requires full sun, little water, excellent drainage, and soils not amended with organic matter. Light pruning in early spring promotes denser new growth, but severe pruning may kill the plant. Its tiny, dark green, needle-like leaves are wonderfully aromatic.



Plant Form: Perennial shrub **Mature Size:** 2' tall, 2' wide **Water Use:** Very Low **Exposure:** Full Sun
Native to: Texas, Mexico **Hardiness:** Cold Hardy to 10° F **Bloom Time:** April-September