

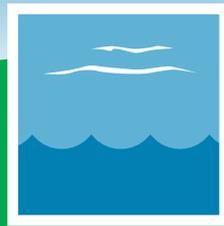
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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY

ZONE 7 TURNS 50!

On June 18, 1957, Livermore-Amador Valley voters—by a stunning 6-1 margin—approved creation of Zone 7 in order to place under local control, through a locally elected board of directors, the vital matters of flood protection and water resource management in eastern Alameda County.



Photo Courtesy of Livermore Heritage Guild

In 1961, four years after Valley voters approved formation of the Zone 7 Water Agency, Alameda County and Zone 7 officials participated in the contract signing for State Water Project water from the South Bay Aqueduct with then-Gov. Edmund G. Brown. Brown is at right with William Warne, director of the state Department of Water Resources, pointing out details of the contract. (Livermore News)

In the 1950s, the fast-growing region was challenged by overdraft of underground water supplies, insufficient local surface-water resources, flood hazards and poor drainage. Since that time, the seven-member Zone 7 Board of Directors has continually formulated and implemented needed programs for flood protection and water resources management, incorporating recreational and environmental benefits where feasible. The Stream Management Master Plan is the latest program development.

To celebrate our community's success we are conducting a series of 50th anniversary activities throughout 2007. Look for historical displays at such community events as Earth Day, the Livermore Wine Country Festival, the Home and Garden Show at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton, and Dublin Day on the Glen.

Visit www.zone7water.com for more information on our history and for celebratory events as they are scheduled throughout the year.

Kid's Zone

Test your water knowledge!

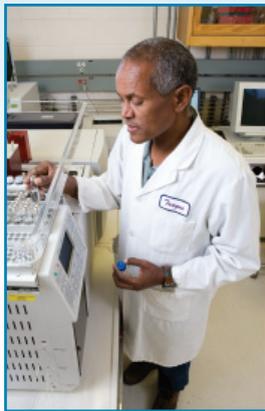
1. Of all the Earth's water, how much of it is salt water?
 - a. 60 percent
 - b. 75 percent
 - c. 97 percent
2. To conserve water, when is the best time of day to turn on your sprinklers?
 - a. morning
 - b. midday
 - c. night
3. The Zone 7 Water Agency is responsible for which of the following?
 - a. The Valley's drinking water supply
 - b. The local groundwater basin
 - c. Flood protection for the Valley
 - d. All of the above



NEW IN THE ZONE

Water Quality Award

Zone 7's Del Valle Water Treatment plant was among just 83 plants nationwide recognized in 2006 for having maintained the Partnership for Safe Water's "Directors Award of Recognition" status for five straight years. The award recognizes water suppliers striving to provide drinking-water quality that surpasses the required federal standards. The Partnership for Safe Water is a national volunteer initiative developed by the Environmental Protection Agency and other organizations.



Softening Your Water

Zone 7 will break ground this spring on a project to reduce those chalky-looking minerals from underground drinking water supplies delivered primarily to the western side of Zone 7's service area, in Pleasanton and Dublin. Using reverse-osmosis technology, the Mocho Groundwater Demineralization Plant in northern Pleasanton is expected to be operational in 2009. The \$31 million project is being funded by water rates and development fees.

Save Water, Save \$\$\$\$\$

Zone 7 continues its Ultra Low-Flow Toilet Rebate Program and offering high-efficiency washing machine rebates. **For information, check out our web site, www.zone7water.com.**

GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

As Zone 7 celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2007 and reflects on its many accomplishments, we also look forward to exciting challenges ahead to further improve the water quality, water reliability and flood protection we provide to eastern Alameda County.

Dale Myers, who retired as general manager in February after leading the agency for nearly a decade, is leaving Zone 7 financially strong and with capable and talented staffing to take on these challenges. We will miss Dale but, as an agency, we intend to continue implementing the programs initiated during his tenure.



In 2007 we are breaking ground on two important water supply and quality projects: the Altamont Treatment Plant and Pipeline project to increase both the amount and quality of imported drinking-water supplies, and a demineralization plant to reduce the salt buildup and hardness of our groundwater supplies. Zone 7 is also moving forward with plans and designs for new groundwater wells that will provide the community with more water-production capacity in the event of a drought. Also during 2007, Zone 7 is embarking on an alternative-energy feasibility study. And we remain at the table in statewide negotiations over how to best protect drinking-water supplies in the ecologically fragile Delta, where the agency gets 80 percent of its drinking-water supplies.

Additionally, we are beginning to plan for the implementation of the agency's newly adopted Stream Management Master Plan, a more environmentally friendly and cost-effective approach to flood protection. The plan is aimed at protecting valley communities from floods through planned buildout in 2034, while at the same time improving water quality, wildlife habitat and public recreational/educational opportunities. Watch for public meetings!

For more information on how we serve you, visit our web site, www.zone7water.com.

– Jill Duerig
Zone 7 General Manager

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City of Livermore • 925-960-8100

City of Pleasanton • 925-931-5520

Dublin San Ramon Services District • 925-828-0515

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Alameda County Public Works • 510-670-5480

City of Dublin Public Works • 925-833-6630

City of Livermore • 925-960-8100

City of Pleasanton Public Works • 925-931-5500

TIPS TO PREPARE FOR SPRING RAINS AND FLOODING

Are you, your family and your property ready for potentially heavy spring rains? Here are some tips to help weather a storm that could hit:

- Repair roof leaks and weathered shingles.
- Identify sandbag locations in your area.
- Clean gutters to avoid clogs and overflow onto the roof's shingles.
- Maintain a safety kit with drinking water, a first-aid kit, canned food, radio, flashlight, and blankets.

TIPS TO CONSERVE WATER

Rain or shine, it's important to remember conservation. Try out these easy tips:

- If you have an automatic sprinkler system, remember to reprogram it for less-frequent watering.
- Try capturing rain water with buckets under gutter outlets, and then use the runoff to water indoor plants.
- Don't water your lawn on windy days; it often just gets pushed onto sidewalks and driveways.
- Fix your leaky faucets.