

## Water Conservation

At their June 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting, the District's Board decided to continue with the Stage 2 Water Shortage as outlined in the Water Stage Alert System. This follows similar action by the State which extended its emergency water conservation regulations through the end of January 2017. What does this mean to residents of Kirkwood? Following are the key provisions of the Stage Two Alert:

1. Outdoor irrigation of all vegetation including lawns and landscaping is limited to twice per week, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 a.m.
2. Watering with a hand held hose or drip irrigation system is permitted during above watering days and times only.
3. Outdoor irrigation prohibited during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation.
4. All run-off and street flooding from outdoor irrigation is prohibited.
5. The irrigation of non-landscaped, natural vegetation or undeveloped property is prohibited.
6. Washing sidewalks, driveways, patios, parking lots, and tennis courts with water is prohibited. Exceptions to this rule may be requested in writing.
7. The washing of vehicles or other equipment is allowed only on assigned watering days and times. A hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle or five-gallon bucket may be used. Water should not be allowed to run into the street.
8. No unattended watering except where automatic shut-off equipment is used.
9. Water users must repair all leaks in plumbing and irrigation systems.
10. All Water Users are encouraged to report to the District any signs or indications of water leaks or waste water.

Please let the District know if you have any questions regarding these provisions, and we appreciate your cooperation during these dry times.



## Safety Tips for Chimneys, Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

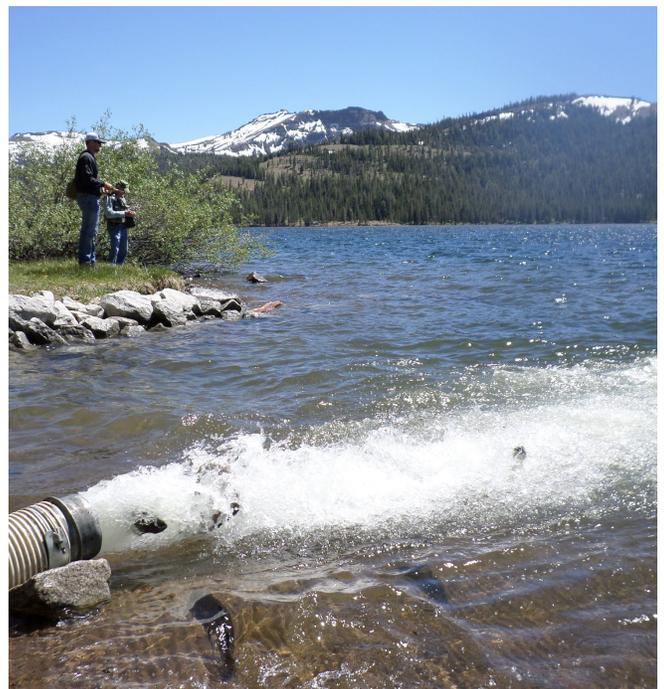
Working smoke alarms save lives! Be sure to check that the alarm in your home is working properly. Replace the batteries on a regular basis. Smoke alarms with non-replaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away. For smoke alarms with any other type of battery, replace batteries at least once a year. If the alarm chirps, replace only the battery. Test your smoke alarm. A suggested frequency is every month by simply holding down the test button. Vacuum your alarm at least once a year. Dust and cobwebs can impair sensitivity. Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.

A carbon monoxide detector or CO detector is a device that detects the presence of the carbon monoxide (CO) gas in order to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Install CO alarms outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home including the basement. The CO alarm can warn you if too much CO is in your home. Keep CO alarms clear of dust and debris. Ensure CO alarms are plugged all the way into a working outlet, or if battery operated, have working batteries.

Annual chimney inspections by a qualified professional can prevent chimney fires and carbon monoxide intrusion. In addition to having your heating system tuned up on an annual basis, please also pay attention to your chimney. Recently, there have been a number of chimney fires here in Kirkwood. Plan to have your chimneys checked annually by a CSIA Certified Chimney Sweep® and swept or repaired as needed.

## Fish Stocking Update

Hello Anglers! Another District Fish Stocking took place on Thursday, June 23, 2016 just in time for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday! Over 1,800 pounds of trophy and "catchable" Rainbow Trout were planted in Caples Lake and Silver Lake. With the help of the El Dorado Irrigation District, this is the twelfth year for the District's Fish Enhancement Fund. We have heard that the trophy size Rainbows are biting! Good Luck and Happy Fishing!



## Caples Ecological Restoration Project - Controlled Burn

The US Forest Service is moving forward with a planned prescribed burn within the Caples Creek watershed, located just north of the Kirkwood area. The area lies within Amador, Alpine and El Dorado counties and is the primary water supply for numerous people and businesses that is served by the El Dorado Irrigation District.

Because the Caples Creek watershed has not experienced any active fire since 1916, the Forest Service is concerned with the significant increases in fuel loading, tree density, canopy cover and snag density along with shifts in species' compositions and the reduced regeneration particularly of desirable deciduous and hardwood trees and reduced shrub cover.

Over the next several years, the Forest Service will, "re-introduce fire as an ecological process through the prescribed burning approximately 8,800 acres of the Caples Creek watershed using manual and aerial ignition methods."

As you can imagine, a project of this size will have an impact on residents of the Kirkwood area. Given the recent drought conditions, we are extremely concerned about the use of prescribed fire in proximity to Kirkwood along with the impact of smoke and access to recreation areas within the project. Because of these reasons, the District has sent a Consideration of Scoping Comment letter to the US Forest service identifying these concerns. The response received from the Forest Service was fairly standard, indicating they would perform prescribed burning under specific fuel and weather conditions and also follow Best Available Control Measures with regards to smoke emissions.

Project implementation will begin this summer, with numerous activities such as perimeter line construction, hand cutting and piling of vegetation in preparation of prescribed burning along with meadow and aspen restoration treatments.

For more information and to see a map of this project follow this link: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46514> or contact Jennifer Ebert, Environmental Coordinator with the Placerville Ranger District Eldorado National Forrest (530) 642-5187

## Notice of Information Technology Committee Vacancy

Please be aware that there is a vacancy on the newly established Information Technology (IT) Committee of the Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District.

The IT Committee has been established as a Standing Committee of the Board of Directors whose primary duties are to oversee network security, data base management, policies and updates that may be required to ensure the District's information technology system remains protected and current with technological capabilities. The Committee reviews for recommendation to the Board system updates, identified vulnerabilities and recommended solutions as prepared by management. The Committee shall review and recommend policies and procedures consistent with current "best practices" for districts of similar size and complexity.

The IT Committee Charter calls for membership to consist of two Board Members and up to five Community Members for a term of two years.

Community participation and input is a vital component to the performance and results achieved from the District's committees, and we are actively seeking District residents, landowners and ratepayers to provide perspective and expertise otherwise not readily available to the Board. We know your time is valuable. These committees meet once monthly at the District offices, however participation by teleconference is acceptable. If you are interested in helping to shape the District's future and can commit a minimum of 2-3 hours per month to focus on a wide range of issues, we would like to hear from you.

If you would be interested in serving on the IT Committee, please send a letter of interest and a statement of qualifications to the District at [msharp@kmpud.com](mailto:msharp@kmpud.com). If you should have any questions, please contact General Manager Michael Sharp at (209) 258-4444 or [msharp@kmpud.com](mailto:msharp@kmpud.com).

## Explanation of Your Monthly Bill

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There you will find an explanation of all the information on your monthly billing statement. Our customer service staff is always happy to help you as well. Feel free to contact them during regular business hours, Monday – Friday from 8 am until 4:30 pm.

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