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LVMWD Water Quality Report Available Now

LVMWD Water Meets or Exceeds All State and Federal Drinking Water Standards

The foundation of our mission is delivering the highest quality water to our customers, through transparency to help build a relationship of trust between LVMWD and our customers.

Each year LVMWD pulls over 1,200 samples from throughout our distribution system and conducts over 11,000 tests on those samples. These results, as well as the results from the testing performed by The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) on the treated source water imported by LVMWD, are compiled into our annual Consumer Confidence Report/ Water Quality Report (CCR/WQR). This report is distributed to customers and residents of our service area every year by July 1st in accordance with federal and state regulations.

The CCR/WQR is an annual report that shows the quality and safety of the water delivered to our customers. Testing levels for a number of different contaminants and their corresponding regulatory levels are provided, giving customers the confidence in the quality of their water. These tests are performed in the District's state certified testing lab at the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility. With no local source of drinking water, LVMWD relies on treated, imported water from MWD for our customers. This report also provides the testing data from MWD on the water from the Jensen Treatment Plant where our imported water is treated providing the transparency necessary to build trust in our products and services amongst our communities.

What this report also shows is that in 2022 LVMWD water met or exceeded all federal and state regulations

placed on drinking water. These regulations, set by the Environmental Protection Agency and California Department of Drinking Water, ensure the water we serve is safe and clean for our customers. Additionally, the CCR/WQR contains valuable information for our customers regarding water conservation, lead and copper testing and emerging contaminants such as PFAS/PFOA.

The District's mission is to always provide high-quality water service in a cost-effective and environmentally sensitive manner inspired a move to digital distribution of the report in 2019, and made even better this year with a focus on digital accessibility and access for those who may require adaptive screen readers to access digital content. "We are always looking for ways to make District operations more effective, efficient and accessible for all our customers. By distributing our CCR/WQR electronically we can reduce both the cost and carbon footprint associated with the report while meeting our commitment to digital accessibility," according to Public Affairs and Communications Manager Mike McNutt.

Customers and area residents have received postcards directing them to [LVMWD.com/WQR2022](https://www.lvmwd.com/WQR2022) - where an accessible digital version of the report is available for review and download.

Though the primary distribution will be electronically the District will continue to make paper copies available. For customers who wish to receive a printed copy of the 2022 CCR/WQR please call our customer service department at (818) 251-2200.

Spring Workshop Series a Resounding Success

In 2022, California faced the third year of severe drought, prompting the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to enforce restrictive watering regulations on our region. LVMWD customers heeded the call and achieved an amazing 20% reduction in water use vs. 2020. With as much as 70% of our drinking water supply going towards outdoor irrigation, many customers said goodbye to their thirsty lawns, prioritized water for basic human health and safety, and embraced low-water climate-appropriate landscapes.

Climate change is driving more frequent weather extremes, as seen by last winter's historic rainfall. However, the region will undoubtedly face another drought, and Californians must embrace conservation as a California way of life. Our saturated soils and replenished reservoirs provide the perfect opportunity to transform traditional European-inspired gardens into ecologically beneficial spaces that make our region more resilient to climate change. Native and sustainable gardens support the local ecology, reduce the urban heat effect, reduce runoff and associated ocean pollution, and require considerably less water than traditional landscapes.



The District hosted a Spring Landscape Workshop Series for customers who are considering landscape transformation. From March through June, five free workshops were held in-person at LVMWD headquarters and online. Topics included garden design, fire-wise landscaping, native garden maintenance, and how to apply for a Turf Replacement rebate.

The Fall Landscape Workshop Series is in development and will begin in September. University-level professors and industry professionals will share their experiences with sustainable landscaping and provide customers with resources to tackle their own transformation project. Keep an eye on our social media channels and [LVMWD.com/Conservation](https://www.lvmwd.com/Conservation) for when classes become available.



Resources for Customers



Community Resources

[LVMWD.com/Conservation](https://www.lvmwd.com/Conservation)

Resources for customers to transform their landscape.



Virtual Landscape Classes

[LVMWD.com/VirtualLandscapeClasses](https://www.lvmwd.com/VirtualLandscapeClasses)

Learn how to transform your landscape with FREE classes presented by the Green Gardens Group.

WaterSmart Portal

[LVMWD.com/AdvancedMeters](https://www.lvmwd.com/AdvancedMeters)

Near real-time water use data and customizable water use alerts and leak notifications.



Discounted Irrigation Controller

[LVMWD.com/Rachio](https://www.lvmwd.com/Rachio)

Take the guess work out of your irrigation with custom settings to match current watering restrictions.



Free Recycled Water

[LVMWD.com/RWFillStation](https://www.lvmwd.com/RWFillStation)

Free recycled water for use in your landscape can help it make it through the hot months.



Free Compost

[LVMWD.com/Community-Compost](https://www.lvmwd.com/Community-Compost)

Free compost helps retain moisture in your landscape and delivers critical nutrients to plants.

Award Winning Finance Department Improves Transparency

Each year, the LVMWD Board of Directors adopts an annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year, July 1 through June 30. The adopted budget is a public document and is posted on the District's website. The fiscal year 2023-2024 LVMWD budget was approved at the June 6, 2023 regular board meeting. On July 1, 2023 customers will be able to view and download the budget to see where their rate money is being allocated and what this year's priorities are for the district.



LVMWD is committed to fiscal responsibility as well as excellence in financial reporting and transparency. This commitment has been demonstrated repeatedly with 24 straight years of receiving awards of excellence for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and "clean" audit opinions received for those reports.

LVMWD has elevated that commitment to another level with participation in the Open Finance portal. This portal is available to LVMWD customers and stakeholders, and allows them to view the District's revenues and expenses.

This platform is an open window into the financial workings of LVMWD and makes clear the highest priority that the dedicated staff of the Finance department puts on fiscal responsibility, excellence and transparency. For more information on the budget and to access the Open Finance portal scan the QR code to the right or visit LVMWD.com/Financial-Reports



El Niño = Rain Capture Opportunities



With El Niño conditions already settling in, later this year is projected to be wetter than average. **Don't wait for the rain, be ready for the rain with a discounted rain barrel from LVMWD.** For a cost-share of \$70 you can get your rain barrel NOW and be prepared for the first deluge of the year! For customers who are looking to capture larger quantities of water, a cistern is a great option. Cisterns are vessels with a capacity over 200 gallons and rebates for them are also available! Scan the QR code to the right or visit LVMWD.com/Rebates for more information.



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You may direct communications to LVMWD Board members by sending an e-mail to: board@LVMWD.com

Board meetings are scheduled at 9 a.m.
on the first and third
Tuesday of each month

Board Meetings are now live-streamed on the District's
website at LVMWD.com/LiveStream

Las Virgenes - Triunfo JPA
meets the first Monday of the month at 5 p.m.

Check LVMWD.com/Board-Meetings for
Board meeting and agenda information

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As water challenges arise locally, across California and the entire Western United States, LVMWD and the Las Virgenes - Triunfo JPA are focused on the critical mission of ensuring a safe and reliable water supply, healthy communities and a sustainable planet.

Listen to the Full Circle Podcast where we dig deep into how the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes - Triunfo is meeting those challenges and changing our water future.

