

10 questions on the Census 2010 form only take a few minutes to answer.

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2010 State of the City Address Video, Audio Available



The State of the City Address is the official word from the City Manager on the status of Rocklin. Listen to the State of the City Address 2010 podcast, view the online presentation, or watch the video.

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Rate	8.4%
2009 Population	54,754
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Free E-Waste Drop-Off, Paper-Shredding Events



What should you do with your old electronic devices? Be part of the solution with responsible e-waste recycling.

Placer County residents are invited to drop off e-waste items from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., rain or shine, at the following locations:

- **May 1, 2010**

Pride Industries
13080 Earhart Ave
Auburn, CA

- **April 24, 2010**
Sunset Christian Center
6900 Destiny Drive
Rocklin, CA

- **April 24, 2010**
Sierra College
5000 Rocklin Road
Rocklin, CA

Items accepted include:

- TVs, VCRs & DVD players
- Monitors, computers & laptops
- Refrigerators
- Cell phones & PDAs
- Exercise equipment
- Garden equipment (no gas or oil)
- Printers, keyboards, mice
- Radios, stereos & speakers
- MP3 players, CD players, etc.

Some items will **not** be accepted. Do not bring household appliances (refrigerators are okay), microwaves, batteries, toner/ink cartridges, bulbs, or cans/bottles, as these items will **not** be collected at this event.

- [Printable Drop-Off Form](#)

Paper-Shredding Also Available

Paper-shredding will also be available at the e-waste events.

One of the best ways to reduce the risk of identity theft is to shred all documents containing personal/confidential information before discarding them. Shredding will be provided by Stay Safe Solutions, which complies with the highest industry standards for paper-shredding. The cost for paper shredding is \$6.00 per file box (12x12x18 inch).

For more information about this event call Recology & RecycleTECH at 916.221.2227.

([Printable Flyer - Free E-Waste Drop-Off, Paper-Shredding Events](#))



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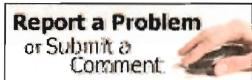
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City Survey

Earth Day is April 22. Which do you think is most important?

Conserving Energy [2%]

Reducing Air Pollution [2%]

The 3 R's—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle [13%]

Conserving Water [4%]

Watershed Protection & Healthy Creeks and Streams [8%]

All of the above [71%]

Total Votes: 46

Thank you for voting! To find out more about your favorite environmental topic or how to do more in other areas please

City News

Rocklin Park Tax - Senior Discount Update



The City of Rocklin Special Tax Districts are administered by an outside consultant Willdan Financial Services. They have recently sent a letter to Rocklin seniors regarding the Park Maintenance and Development Tax asking

for information related to your senior discount.

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Register Now for Summer Camps, Activities



Rocklin Community Services is now accepting registrations for the following summer camps and programs: Summer Legends Sports Camp, Challenger Soccer Camps, Golf, Good Sport U Basketball, Start Smart Sports Development and Kidz Love Soccer.

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Rocklin Redevelopment Agency Credit Rating Upgraded

Standard & Poor's raised the Rocklin Redevelopment Agency credit rating from A- to A. The improvement in the Agency's bond rating occurred in spite of the current economic conditions. A diverse tax base and assessed value growth over the past few years were cited as the primary factors for the upgrade.

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Planning an Event? Rent a Facility



Whether you are hosting a party, graduation, conference, or family reunion, the City of Rocklin offers a variety of rental facilities to suit your needs.

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Fight the Bite - Stop West Nile Virus in its Tracks



The Placer Mosquito & Vector Control District needs your help. If you encounter a dead bird please report it immediately to

Calendar

April 2010						
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Today						

City Events

Fri., Apr 30, 2010

All Day Event
[City Administrative Offices Closed](#)
 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
[Redevelopment Citizens Advisory Committee meeting](#)

Thu., May 6, 2010

All Day Event
[KJ Open Registration Begins](#)

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Cool Clicks



[Economic Stimulus Sign Program of 2009](#)
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At a Glance

2010 Employment	24,600
2010 Labor Force	27,000

check out the following:

- [OneBigBin's Fun page](#) with games & activities
- Rocklin's [Stormwater Pollution Prevention](#) page
- [Regional Creek Week Activities](#) April 9-18, 2010
- [PCWA's Water Efficiency Programs and Rebates](#)

the California Dead Bird hotline at 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-977-968-2473).

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May is Bike Month - Will Your Miles be Counted?



May is Bike Month! Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or just beginning, become a part of the region's most celebrated bicycle promotions. Your participation is just a click away on www.MayisBikeMonth.com.

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Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Stormwater pollution prevention is everyone's responsibility, including contractors, residents and merchants in the food service industry. Make sure that you are doing your part.



NEW CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMIT

Changes in Storm Water Pollution Prevention Reporting Requirements

Attention Developers, Engineers and Contractors: The new Construction General Permit was ac September 1, 2009. The clock is ticking to get familiar with the new SWPPP and reporting requirements. Plus, there are some new acronyms to learn.

The new permit goes into effect on July 1, 2010, and there are filing deadlines on or before th: If you missed the regional workshop held recently in Rocklin, you can view the presentation by on the following link to get some basic information about the changes:

- [Interwest PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Pollution Prevention Information for Contractors](#)
- [Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board Website](#)



ADOPT-AN-INLET PROGRAM

Scout troops, classrooms, religious and service groups, families, and businesses...

You can help keep Rocklin's creeks, streams, and open space clean and healthy by volunteering to mark, monitor, and maintain a storm drain inlet in your neighborhood, near your business or school.

The City will supply you or your group with safety equipment. In return, you are asked to periodically report your activities. Download the following documents to start your adoption process.

- [Adopt-an-Inlet Request Form](#)
- [Adopt-an-Inlet Program & Volunteer Guidelines](#)
- [Adopt-an-Inlet Agreement Form](#)
- [Adopt-an-Inlet Volunteer Release Form](#)
- [Adopt-an-Inlet Volunteer Reporting Form](#)

ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

Wondering what the City is doing to comply with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Sy (NPDES) stormwater permit? Curious about the status of the City's Stormwater Management Pl (SWMP)? Not sure what either of these are?

Then check out this year's NPDES Annual Report to find out! Chapters 1 and 2 are updates on the City's Public Education and Outreach and Public Participation. Chapters 3 through 6 report on the nuts and bolts of operational activities that ensure the City's ongoing compliance with our stormwater permit as regulated by the State Water Resources Control Board and authorized by the federal Clean Water Act.

[2009 NPDES Annual Report](#)
[Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board Website](#)
[State Water Resources Control Board Municipal Permits](#)
[Environmental Protection Agency's NPDES](#)

POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

- [For Contractors](#)
- [For Food Service](#)
- [For Residents](#)
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- [Pool Water](#)

WATER QUALITY:

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You might also be interested in...

- [National Pollution Discharge Elimination System \(NPDES\) Annual Report](#)
- [California Water Board Erase the Waste](#)
- [EPA The Solution to Stormwater Pollution](#)
- [SC Stormwater Management for Auto Recyclers](#)
- [Report a Problem](#)



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RECYCLING and DISPOSAL Made EASY

Roseville Celebrate the Earth
 April 17th, 2010
 Roseville Utility Exploration Center
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Enter to Win a Free Year of Garbage Service!
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Recycle Roundup



[Play Recycle Roundup online.](#)

Schoolyard Recycling



[Play Schoolyard Recycling online.](#)

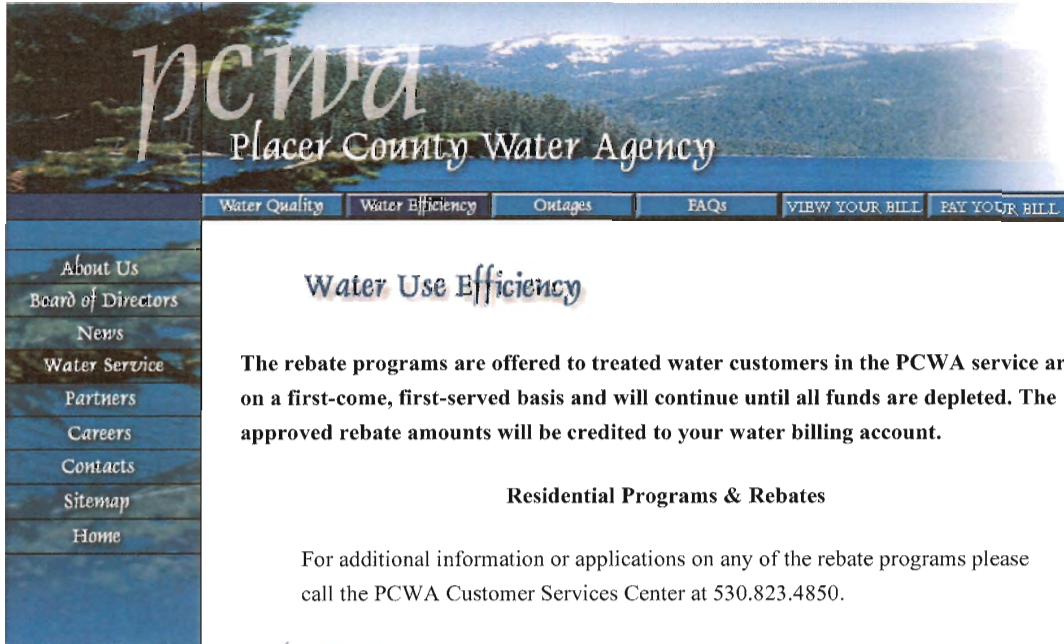
Activities

Haute* Nature

Ecologically based creative ideas, art & green products for your children, home and lifestyle.....an eco guide blending high style with sustainability. [Website.](#)

Art from Recycled Resources!

Donna, who is a Green Roseville Ambassador and Green Roseville participant, used her sales skills, passion for the planet and her love of art to start reCreate. Devoted to bringing affordable art experiences to children of all ages, reCreate receives unused materials and supplies from various companies and presents them to children to create and express themselves through art. These experiences can take place at community events, in classrooms, or at birthday parties. For more information [visit www.reCreate.org](#)



The banner features the PCWA logo and a scenic background of a lake and mountains. Below the banner is a navigation menu with the following items: Water Quality, Water Efficiency, Outages, FAQs, VIEW YOUR BILL, and PAY YOUR BILL. A vertical sidebar on the left contains the following links: About Us, Board of Directors, News, Water Service, Partners, Careers, Contacts, Sitemap, and Home.

Water Use Efficiency

The rebate programs are offered to treated water customers in the PCWA service area on a first-come, first-served basis and will continue until all funds are depleted. The approved rebate amounts will be credited to your water billing account.

Residential Programs & Rebates

For additional information or applications on any of the rebate programs please call the PCWA Customer Services Center at 530.823.4850.

- [!\[\]\(f2fdbbba686c1099e6b2b8779766e2d3_img.jpg\) High-Efficiency Clothes Washing Machine \(HEW\) Rebate Program](#)
- [!\[\]\(b3cfbfd04368a71f4c64e073908d25d7_img.jpg\) High-Efficiency Toilet \(HET\) Rebate Program](#)
- [!\[\]\(4f8bc95274d4d489592709b569351eb7_img.jpg\) Ultra-Low Flush Toilet \(ULFT\) Rebate Program](#)
- [!\[\]\(68986557a06757f8727dab2acf01c000_img.jpg\) NEW Hot Water Demand Whole House Recirculation System Pilot Program](#)
- [!\[\]\(3bbb1d3234ca5d7e3145ce1334035a2b_img.jpg\) NEW Point of Use Hot Water Heater Pilot Program](#)
- [!\[\]\(d654786d397f9e11efa637705495f10d_img.jpg\) NEW Lawn Replacement Pilot Program](#)
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- [!\[\]\(de28875f44a359ca6d30bbb1d9f6cdbd_img.jpg\) Waterless Urinal Rebate Program](#)
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- [!\[\]\(6b933a0050dc38b6c79d63f70c853f8d_img.jpg\) Large Landscape Irrigation Survey](#)

Irrigation & Agricultural Information

- [!\[\]\(564903337f30b845a5f6979939a95fe6_img.jpg\) Growers Irrigation Management Service \(GIMS\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(6799d2cf9a6546bbe2fea4f3991acfa2_img.jpg\) California Irrigation Management Information System \(CIMIS\)](#)






Events

- [!\[\]\(05a3150ca7eafd44fce8deaa48838121_img.jpg\) Spring Auburn Home Show](#)
- [!\[\]\(6ce459b4dcae8e7d92253a855b1dd385_img.jpg\) Fall Auburn Home Show](#)
- [!\[\]\(9bc524f09d89ff34ea77fbf6b37ad4f3_img.jpg\) Sierra College Earth Day Events](#)
- [!\[\]\(41ec8d40095d046d596d359eb223c781_img.jpg\) Loomis Eggplant Festival](#)



Educational Programs

- [!\[\]\(c045a398c48fcb47adf237d338b1b391_img.jpg\) Newspapers In Education \(NIE\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(6ea471090ba6b2c70129dc83eb6e6a11_img.jpg\) Great Water Mystery](#)
- [!\[\]\(943b1c41f252b081e01aba2e7830f1c9_img.jpg\) Water Education Programs for Kindergarten through 8th Grade](#)
Please call the Customer Services Center for information at 530.823.4850 or 800.464.0030

Water Use Efficiency Information

-  [Why should we use water efficiently?](#)
-  [How can we prevent water waste?](#)
-  [Outdoor water-use efficiency tips](#)
-  [Indoor water-use efficiency tips](#)
-  [Water-use efficiency library](#)

More Information

-  [Other helpful water related websites](#)
-  [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

**Residential Programs & Rebates**

For additional information or applications on any of the rebate programs please call the PCWA Customer Services Center at 530.823.4850.

The rebate programs are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and will continue until all funds are depleted. The approved rebate amounts will be credited to your water billing account. For technical information on the rebate products, go to the California Urban Water Conservation Council at www.cuwec.org/products_tech.lasso



High-Efficiency Clothes Washing Machine (HEW) Rebate Program (revised 1/1/2010). This program offer is for a rebate of **\$150** to replace older clothes washing machines with a new EPA Water Sense clothes washing machine that has a CEE Tier 3 water factor. This new program takes effect on January 1, 2010. **CEE Tier 3 contains the most efficient washing machines; Tier 1 and Tier 2 do not qualify for the rebate.** For more details and a list of qualifying clothes washing machines see: www.cee1.org/resid/seha/rwsh/rwsh-prod.pdf. PCWA applied for and received assistance from the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) to conduct a Clothes Washing Machine Rebate Program. PCWA was awarded funding from the USBR and has approved a matching \$15,000 for a total program of \$30,000.

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High-Efficiency Toilet (HET) Rebate Program. This program offer is for a rebate up to **\$175** to replace older 3 gallons or more flush toilets with new 1.28 gallons or less high-efficiency toilets for all customers in the PCWA service area. The toilet rebate program is

partially funded by a grant from the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Regional Water Authority. HET toilets must be purchased after June 1, 2008 to qualify.

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Ultra-Low Flush Toilet (ULFT) Rebate Program. A rebate up to **\$125** is available for customers replacing older 3 gallons per flush or higher with new 1.6 gallons per flush toilets. This program is for a limited time. This program is a partnership with the Regional Water Authority, South Placer Wastewater Authority and the United States Bureau of Reclamation. ULFT toilets must be purchased after June 1, 2008 to qualify.

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Hot Water Demand Whole House Recirculation System Pilot Program Rebate. *New!* Hot Water Demand Whole House Recirculation System Rebate Retrofit Program. **\$150** rebates are being offered for

every tank style hot water heater replaced with a Hot Water Demand Whole House Recirculation System. PCWA defines a Hot Water Demand Whole House Recirculation System as a tankless hot water heater, a pump system that quickly circulates hot water throughout the whole house and a thermal bypass valve. The pump can be located at the hot water heater or the furthest point from the hot water heater. The pump can be controlled by a timer, wireless remote control, motion sensor or by an on demand switch. The cold water is saved using a thermal valve at the furthest point from the tankless hot water heater, thus recirculating back into the cold water pipe.

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Point of Use Hot Water Rebate Pilot Program. *New!* \$50 rebates are being offered for every Point of Use (POU) hot water heater installed. PCWA defines Point of Use hot water heaters as devices that are placed under a sink to bring instant hot water to the faucet. Normally these are 2-3 gallon devices and are plugged into an outlet.

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Lawn Replacement Rebate Pilot Program. *New!*

Rebates are being offered for removal of maintained lawn* that is replaced with either non-water consuming material (e.g., bark or mulch, rock, deck, synthetic turf, concrete, and permeable concrete products) or low to moderate use plants. The maximum rebate is **\$300** per parcel and is applied as a credit to the account. The minimum amount of maintained lawn that must be replaced is 300 square feet. **Before**

beginning the Replacement Program, you must receive the information packet that contains the detailed terms and conditions of the program. In order to be eligible a pre-conversion site visit must be scheduled (before any lawn is removed).

A **\$300** rebate is given if the lawn is replaced with non-water consuming material (e.g., bark or mulch, rock, deck, synthetic turf, concrete, and permeable concrete products).

A **\$150** rebate is given if the lawn is replaced with low to moderate water-use plant selections (this includes all non-water consuming surface materials used in and around the plants). Low to moderate plant material shall be used and the plant coverage cannot exceed 50% of the landscaped area when fully mature.

Existing lawn Irrigation system plumbing must be removed/rendered useless or replaced with an approved low volume irrigation system if low to moderate plant material is installed in the newly landscaped area.

***Maintained lawn is considered grass that is regularly watered and mowed and in good condition.**

Applicant must be a treated water customer of PCWA.

Areas to be converted must be maintained lawn currently irrigated with treated water. Dead lawns will not be eligible for a rebate. The material(s) must be installed at the service address listed on the application. Rebates are for lawn replacement only. For additional information or applications please call the PCWA Customer Services Center at 530.823.4850.

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Water-Wise House Calls: Our trained technicians will come to your home, business, apartment house or mobile home park and check for leaks and give you customized water-use tips, outdoor irrigation check-ups and provide watering schedules. [To schedule an appointment call PCWA Customer Services at 530.823.4850 or 800.464.0030.](#)

During the call we will:

- 🔧 Evaluate the efficiency of the irrigation system.
- 🔧 Provide an irrigation watering schedule.
- 🔧 Identify irrigation leaks, broken or mismatched sprinkler heads, high pressure and other common problems.
- 🔧 Provide water efficiency program materials and water-wise landscaping tips.
- 🔧 Check the toilets for leaks and replace toilet flapper valves, if needed, and requested.
- 🔧 Install water efficient shower heads and faucet aerators if needed and

requested.

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PCWA Water Use Efficiency Team



Commercial Programs & Rebates

"Commercial" sites include: businesses, schools, government facilities, parks, hotels, restaurants, and churches.

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The rebate programs are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and will continue until all funds are depleted. The approved rebate amounts will be credited to your water billing account. For technical information on the rebate products, go to the California Urban Water Conservation Council website at:

www.cuwcc.org/products_tech.lasso



High-Efficiency Toilet (HET) Rebate Program. This program offer is for a rebate up to **\$200** to replace older 3 gallons or more flush toilets with new 1.28 gallons or less high-efficiency toilets for all customers in the PCWA service area. The toilet rebate program is partially funded by a grant from the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Regional Water Authority. HET toilets must be purchased after June 1, 2008 to qualify. For more details and a list of qualifying toilets see:

<http://www.cuwcc.com/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=7396>

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Waterless Urinal Rebate Program. This program offer is for a rebate up to **\$200** to replace older high-flow urinals with new waterless urinals. In addition to saving water and sewer costs, waterless urinals are an improvement over traditional urinals in both maintenance and hygiene. This program is partially funded by a grant from the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Regional Water Authority. For more details and a list of qualifying toilets and urinals see:

<http://www.cuwcc.com/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=7408>

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Water-Wise Business Calls. Our trained technicians will come to your commercial site. They will check for leaks, conduct outdoor irrigation check ups and provide watering schedules. **To schedule an appointment call PCWA Customer Services at 530.823.4850 or 800.464.0030.**

Large Landscape Irrigation Survey. The Agency will fund services to complete 40 large landscape water surveys for irrigated areas over one acre. The certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor will schedule, assess, and follow up with recommendations and provide a detailed water yield analysis. **To schedule an appointment call PCWA Customer Services at 530.823.4850 or 800.464.0030.**

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Irrigation & Agricultural Information

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Grower Irrigation Management System (GIMS). The program started with a small number of agricultural customers in 2005 and will be expanded in future years. Installation of soil probes will allow soil moisture monitoring. The agricultural customer is notified on a weekly basis of irrigation scheduling using the California Irrigation Management Information System evapotranspiration (ET_o) data. The GIMS program is partially funded by a grant from the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

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California Irrigation Management Information Service (CIMIS). In partnership with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Agency operates and maintains two CIMIS weather stations in Placer County. They are supported by the Placer County Farm Advisors

and the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation District.

In late 2005 the California Urban Water Conservation Council obtained Proposition 50 funding to work with DWR to study additional sites to establish local evapotranspiration (ET_o) data for urban and microclimate locations. The first year, DWR was interested in the installation of 10 study sites throughout California based on suitable locations within relative proximity to an already established CIMIS station and purveyor readiness. Twenty seven interested purveyors submitted requests for forty two stations. Of these applications DWR determined that the PCWA Sunset Water Treatment Plant property would be a suitable location to install one of the ten study sites. DWR collects and analyzes the data to determine if there is a reliable correlation between this station and other reference CIMIS stations.

The stations installed during this study are essentially the same as established CIMIS stations, except they are located on a surface other than grass.

CIMIS is a network of automated and computerized weather stations located at key agricultural and urban areas in the state. CIMIS collects hourly weather data including solar radiation, wind speed and direction, relative humidity, air and soil temperature, and rainfall. The stations collect local weather data and transmit to a centralized computer center in Sacramento. The data is converted to “reference evapotranspiration”, which is a measure of water lost from the soil surface (evaporation) and the amount of water used by plants (transpiration).

CIMIS forms the backbone of water management programs on the demand side. CIMIS complements water supply programs such as snow surveys, reservoir capacity estimates, and rainfall estimates.

CIMIS data is a major source of ETo for many agricultural and landscape water users, farm advisors, and other irrigation specialists. Residents can use this information to determine the water needs of their plants and to create efficient irrigation scheduling. This helps maintain healthy landscapes by utilizing the correct amount of water. PCWA appreciates the partnership with DWR, which benefits its customers, the community, and the region.

www.cimis.water.ca.gov/cimis/welcome.jsp

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Why Should I Use Water Efficiently?

- Water is vital to life. Without it, we cannot survive.
- The amount of water on earth has not changed since the earth was created; the current supply is all we will ever have.
- Water is the foundation of our food chain; using water efficiently will ensure an adequate supply of water for irrigation.
- Saving water reduces the energy it takes to process and deliver water, reducing and conserving fuel sources.
- Saving water means having water available for recreational uses for years to come.
- Using water efficiently minimizes the effects of water shortages and helps build supplies against future drought years.
- Using water efficiently now ensures water for future generations to come.
- Proper application of irrigation water will enhance the appearance of your landscape and could prevent water waste due to run off.
- Using water efficiently relates to

saving money!

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How Can I Prevent Water Waste?



Monitoring your irrigation controller and doing monthly irrigation system maintenance is critical. Follow the steps below to minimize or eliminate water waste.

- Once a month, monitor your irrigation system checking for leaks, improperly adjusted sprinklers, or broken pipes and valves. Shut down the system, and then make repairs.
- Read the instructions and become familiar with your automatic irrigation controller. Make a list or diagram of each station, include the run time and scheduled days. Keep this information near your controller for a quick reference.

Some soil conditions or the slope of the area to be watered will require multiple start times. If water is running off, try three short periods of irrigation instead of one long period. This will allow the water to soak into the soil and minimize or eliminate run off.

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Outdoor Water- Use Efficiency Tips



- Get some exercise and save water too! Use a broom or rake rather than water to clean driveways, sidewalks or patios.
- Water landscape only between midnight and 10 A.M. to avoid the hottest part of the day and when water is lost to evaporation. However, since the hours of 5 A.M. to 8 A.M. are peak indoor water use times, try to avoid programming your timer for those morning hours.
- Avoid operating your irrigation system on windy days, since a large amount of water will be wasted to over spray and evaporation.
- Turn off sprinkler systems when it is going to rain. After it rains, the lawns may not need to be watered for three or more days, depending on the season. Check to make sure the soil is dry before watering. A moisture

meter can help you check. Too much water keeps oxygen from the roots and plants need oxygen to grow.

- 🌿 Shut down sprinkler system during the rainy season.
- 🌿 Inspect sprinkler system regularly for clogged spray heads, leaks or malfunctioning valves and make necessary repairs to save water and money.

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Indoor Water-Use Efficiency Tips



- 🌿 Run the dishwasher and washing machine only when you have a full load.
- 🌿 Fix toilet leaks. To determine if your toilet is leaking, add food coloring to the tank water and let it sit 15 minutes. If the color appears in the bowl, there is a leak.
- 🌿 Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth. Faucets can flow at 2 to 3 gallons per minute.
- 🌿 Replace older toilets (pre 1992) with new high-efficiency (HET) models. The new HET toilets use less than half as much water as older models.
- 🌿 Install new efficient showerheads and faucet aerators.
- 🌿 Make your next clothes washing machine and clothes dryer water and energy savers. You can cut your water and energy usage in half with the new efficient models.

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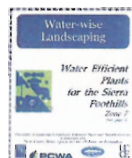
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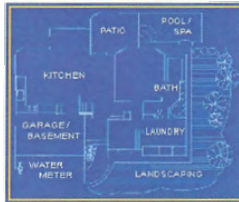
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This water calculator is a tool that helps you estimate the right amount of water to apply to your landscape or garden [Water Calculator](#).

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How can I check for a leak in my system?



To determine if you have a leak in your system, turn off all interior water and any irrigation water. Take a pencil and paper and go to your water meter.

Remove the meter box lid and see if the dial on the meter is moving. If you have all your water off and the dial is moving then you have a leak. If the dial does not move, write down the meter read and wait one hour. During this time, walk your property and look for signs of a water leak. After one hour see if the number on your meter dial has moved, if it has, then you have a leak.

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Creek Week 2010

CREEKS CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Sign-up Today!

Creek Week 2010 in Placer County is from April 9th - 18th, 2010.

Creek Week celebrates the importance of our urban nature areas with volunteer work and educational events. As many as 800 residents have participated in previous years.

Please check the Site List (located under Creek Week Downloads in the right column) for a location you're interested in and sign up yourself and/or group for the clean-up!

Placer County Creek Week is organized by a committee of local schools, businesses and agencies led by Dry Creek Conservancy. Donations are solicited from local government and businesses to cover organizational costs and Creek Week T-shirts for all volunteers.

For more information contact Dry Creek Conservancy at (916)773-6575 or dcc@surewest.net

[2010 Creek Week Map](#)

OUTINGS

Guided Bird watching on South Fork Pleasant Grove Cr. (Open space area)

Saturday, April 10th, 9:00 am - 12:00

South Fork Pleasant Grove open space is Blue Oak woodland and riparian habitat that has great surroundings for many birds especially spring Warbler migrants. Birders of all levels are invited to enjoy a beautiful spring day in one of Roseville's most pleasant nature areas. Meet local Audubon leader, Scott Dietrich at Adam V Baquera Park. Take Woodcreek Oaks Blvd to Painted Desert Ct. to the park. For more information contact Scott at 208-4976 or sed25@csus.edu

Spring bird/wildflower nature hike

Sunday, April 11th, 8:30 - 12:00

Explore Miners Ravine spring wildflowers and birds with local Audubon leader, Scott Dietrich. Meet at John Piches Park on Stone Point Dr. off of Rocky Ridge Dr. For more information contact Scott at 208-4976 or sed25@csus.edu

Beavers on Miners Ravine

Tuesday, April 13th, 6:30 pm

Learn about the life of beavers and why their population is growing from local beaver expert, Mary Tappel. Meet at trailhead near UA theaters parking lot at Eureka and North Sunrise. You may want to bring a flashlight for the return trip. For more information contact Dry Creek Conservancy, 773-6575 or dcc@surewest.net

Woodcreek Nature Center Tour

Wednesday, April 14th, 6:30 pm

Join student docents as they lead a tour of the Nature Center. Meet at the entrance to Roseville Aquatics Complex next to Woodcreek High School at 7551 Woodcreek Oaks Blvd.

Cleanups and Workdays

[Kaseberg Creek Restoration Project, Mahany Park, Roseville](#)

Holistic Goals Download

Saturday, April 10th, 9am - noon

April 10th work will concentrate on invasive plant removal, site cleanup, and

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preparation for planting under supervision of John Williams of TerraCare and City of Roseville staff. Meet at the footbridge behind Martha Riley Library at 1545 Pleasant Grove Blvd in Roseville. Please RSVP with Dry Creek Conservancy at dcc@surewest.net or at 773-6575.

Saturday, April 17th, 9am - noon

April 17th volunteers will install woody and herbaceous container plantings along Kaseberg creek under supervision of Chad Aakre of Restoration Resources and Roseville City staff. Meet at the footbridge behind Martha Riley Library at 1545 Pleasant Grove Blvd in Roseville. Please RSVP with Dry Creek Conservancy at dcc@surewest.net or at 773-6575.

Roseville Creek & Open Space Clean-up

Saturday, April 17th, 9am - noon

Choose from one of thirteen different creeks or open spaces to clean, and sign up yourself and/or your group. Information about sites, along with volunteer forms, is available at www.creekweek.org. Or contact Dry Creek Conservancy at dcc@surewest.net or at 773-6575.

Town of Loomis - Nature Walk, Clean up and Tree Planting

Saturday, April 17th, 9:00 to Noon

Walk with a naturalist through the newly acquired Heritage Park property in Loomis. Learn about the native flora and fauna found in and around the beautiful pond and creek setting. Help with cleaning up a key piece of wetland habitat in the center of downtown Loomis. Volunteer to plant and adopt a native tree. Sign up to volunteer for a tree planting program in the coming fall planting season. Meet at Loomis Heritage Park, at the foot of Walnut Street, downtown Loomis.

Other Area Events

City of Roseville - Celebrate the Earth

Saturday, April 17th, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Mahany Regional Park Located at 1501 Pleasant Grove Boulevard

This year's festival has a wonderful lineup of family activities, information booths and environmentally friendly programs you can take advantage of now. It's equal parts educational and inspirational, to help us consider how the decisions we make on a daily basis affect the environment. http://www.roseville.ca.us/explore/earth_day/default.asp

Sierra College

Earth Day - Wednesday April 21st and Thursday April 22nd, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Sponsored by ECOSTudents, the "in our hands" theme emphasizes little ways we can work toward sustainability in our families, businesses, and communities. Local foods, local sustainable businesses, local music, watersheds, native flora and fauna, and public transportation.

Town of Loomis

Earth Day - Saturday, April 24th, at the Loomis Train Depot

Environmental and open space info, products and services, More info to come at www.creekweek.org.

Sacramento Area Creeks Council

Creek Week - Friday, April 9th to Saturday, April 17th

Nature outings all week and Sacramento County Creek Clean up

Saturday, April 17th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Be part of an area-wide volunteer effort to improve and enhance our urban waterways by collecting and removing trash and debris as well as invasive exotic plants.

Saturday, April 17th, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Creek Week Celebration for volunteers at New Location at Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael Register and more info at www.creekweek.net.

Advanced High School

Creek Week activities include a riparian mural for the science building, maintenance of previous restoration plantings, and tree planting on campus. Contact Katie Palatinus at kpalatinus@rjuhsd.us

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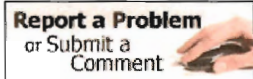
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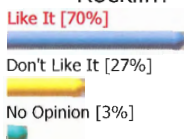


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What do you think about the goat and sheep grazing in Rocklin?



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Rocklin Residents, Businesses can Improve Local Water Quality During the Dry Season



As the rainy season finally comes to a close for Spring 2010, it is time to consider ways Rocklin residents and business can improve water quality in our local creeks and streams during the dry season.

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"Celebrate America" Saturday, June 26 at Twin Oaks Park



"Celebrate America" is a free, family-oriented celebration of all things red, white and blue, and will conclude with a glorious and awe-inspiring fireworks display. It all takes place on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at Twin Oaks Park in Rocklin.

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Statewide Direct Primary Election June 8 - Results



The statewide direct primary election took place Tuesday, June 8, 2010 in Placer County. [Election results](#) can be viewed on the Placer County Clerk-Recorder's website:

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Summer Sports & Fitness Programs - Registration Open



Rocklin Recreation is now accepting registrations for its summer Sports & Fitness youth programs including Kidz Love Soccer, The Little Gym, Junior Tennis Camps and much more.

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Construction Under Way on New Rocklin Library



Construction is under way on a new Rocklin branch of the Placer County Library. The new Rocklin branch - soon to be located in the Granite Drive building - is scheduled to

open by the end of 2010.

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Tue., Jun 22, 2010
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Register Now for Summer Camps, Activities



Rocklin Community Services is now accepting registrations for the following summer camps and programs: Summer Legends Sports Camp, Challenger Soccer Camps, Golf, Good Sport U Basketball, Start Smart Sports Development and Kidz Love Soccer.

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At a Glance

2010 Employment	24,600
2010 Labor Force	26,900
2010 Unemployment Rate	8.3%
2009 Population	54,754
2009 Median Age	35.2
2009 Median Household Income	\$84,011
2010 Median Home Price	\$270,000

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Rocklin Residents, Businesses can Improve Local Water Quality During the Dry Season



As the rainy season finally comes to a close for Spring 2010, it is time to consider ways Rocklin residents and business can improve water quality in our local creeks and streams during the dry season.

Did You Know?

Small changes in household chores, for example, can make a difference! Water, debris, and chemicals that go down the gutter and into the street and parking lot. Drains do not go

to a wastewater treatment plant—it all flows directly into our creeks and streams. Rocklin's waterways are salmon and trout habitat and are part of the Dry Creek and Pleasant Grove watersheds.

[Full Press Release - Rocklin Residents and Businesses Can Improve Local Water Quality During the Dry Season](#)

What You Can Do

Rocklin residents and businesses can help keep our creeks & streams clean. Following are ways to participate in keeping Rocklin's waterways clean:

Conserve Water

- Use automatic irrigation systems.
- Water landscaping in the early morning or after dark.
- Be sure not to over-water.
- Plant native and drought-tolerant plants.

Use Landscaping Chemicals Carefully

- Apply lawn/landscape chemicals per package instructions.
- Do not over-water after using chemicals.
- Choose "green" alternatives for controlling pests, such as lady bugs and non-toxic chemicals.

Properly Dispose of Waste

- Always throw garbage in a designated receptacle.
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them off.
- Never rinse yard-care equipment or flush debris into the gutter.
- Never flush paint, household chemicals, solvents, or similar hazardous household waste into the gutter.
- Dispose of hazardous household waste by taking it to a City sponsored [Universal Waste](#) event or to the [Materials Recovery Facility \(MRF\)](#).
- Properly dispose of pet waste in a garbage can or flush it down a toilet.
- Re-use plastic bags or purchase pet-waste bags from your local pet store.

Recycle

- In Rocklin, you can throw recyclables directly in the garbage—no need to sort or separate! Recyclables are diverted out of the landfill at the MRF.
- Do not throw used household batteries into the garbage. Bring batteries to a [local collection site](#) and look for the green collection tubes.

Properly Drain Swimming Pools

Do not drain swimming pools or spas directly into the gutter. Even small amounts of chlorine can upset the balance of plant and animal life in creeks and streams.

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Do Even More

- Volunteer at Rocklin's annual [Community Service Day](#).
- Participate in annual [Creek Week](#) activities.
- Volunteer any time of year by contacting Dara Dungworth at 916.625.5160 or at dara.dungworth@rocklin.ca.us.
- Adopt an Inlet (City of Rocklin program coming summer of 2009).
- Visit the [STAR ECO Station's Storm Drain Exhibit](#) (coming summer of 2009).
- Report illegal dumping by calling the Public Works Department at 916.625.5500 or by [sending a message through the City's webpage](#).



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Help the environment

Reader Input

A lot of people think that the water that goes down our storm drains will go to a water treatment plant to be cleaned. Not true!

We have two separate systems. The water that we put in the storm drain will go directly into creeks and could hurt our wildlife. However, our household water will go to a water treatment plant to be cleaned before it's put back into the river. That's why we should be careful of what we wash down our storm drains.

There are several ways we can help. We can use gravel bags around storm drains so it will block leaves and debris from going in. We can wash our cars on the grass, and use biodegradable soap. We can keep from over watering our yards, and washing off the fertilizer and other chemicals we put on our yards. We can keep litter from going down the drain. We could help the environment.

Collin Buchanan-Carter, fifth grade, Rocklin

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On 6/25/10 at 09:21 AM, [nherron258](#) wrote:

Well said, Collin! I'm not sure if you learned this in school or at an event like World Ocean Day, but I'm glad you took the time to share it. Many adults aren't aware of this, so it's great that you're helping to get the message out there. Keep up the good work!

Nanette Herron

Public Works Technician

City of Rocklin

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On 6/25/10 at 10:48 AM, [stormwaterlover](#) wrote:

Collin, we could not have said it better ourselves! Thank you for helping get the word out that stormwater and urban

runoff flow untreated into the City's creeks and open space areas.

As you may know, another way that Rocklin residents can help is to Adopt-an-Inlet to monitor and maintain (sweep up leaves and debris in the gutter) a storm drain inlet on their street. More information is available on the City's Stormwater Pollution Prevention webpage at: <http://www.rocklin.ca.us/government/works/pollution/default.asp>.

Collin, thanks for leading the way as a Stormwater Watcher!!

Dara Dungworth
Stormwater Coordinator
City of Rocklin

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On 6/25/10 at 11:57 AM, **1ecogal** wrote:

Thank you so much Collin!!!! You obviously care about your community, wildlife and the ocean. As you know, stormwater is never treated and eventually flows to the ocean. That is why it is imperative that we protect stormwater inlets, never dump chemicals, fertilizers, oil or trash into gutters...as all of it eventually ends up in the ocean where it makes a toxic soup, develops into dead zones ,making ocean creatures and even humans sick when they come into contact with it. What we do here affects everyone down stream. By all of us being conscious of our behaviors and becoming environmental stewards we can have a great impact on the health of our community, its green areas and wildlife and all other communities on the way to the ocean.

If you haven't done so already, please visit the STAR ECO Station in Rocklin to learn more about stormwater pollution by touring our facility and going through our interactive Storm Drain Exhibit. Its pretty cool. Again Collin, thank you for educating the community on stormwater quality and environmental protection. Its kids like you that are gonna ROCK THE WORLD into an awesome planet!

Kimberly Borum
STAR ECO STATION Environmental Children's Museum & Exotic Wildlife Rescue Facility

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Keep storm drains clean

Reader Input

Please don't throw anything down our storm drains. It pollutes our fish, we will have bad water and it pollutes our planet. I went to a tree house and looked down and saw so much trash and I thought, "OMG! That's a lot of trash" and it was in a wetland! So don't throw trash down the storm drains.

Garrett Mudd, fifth grade, Rocklin

Keywords

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On 7/1/10 at 01:46 PM, [stormwaterlover](#) wrote:

Garrett, we could not have said it better ourselves! Thank you for helping get the word out that stormwater and urban runoff, including garbage, flow untreated into the City's creeks and open space areas.

As you may know, Rocklin residents can Adopt-an-Inlet to monitor and maintain (sweep up leaves and debris in the gutter) a storm drain inlet on their street. More information is available on the City's Stormwater Pollution Prevention webpage at: <http://www.rocklin.ca.us/government/works/pollution/default.asp>.

Also, Community Service Day will be October 23 and Rocklin residents, including kids, can volunteer to help pick up trash and plant trees to help keep our open space areas healthy. Check out the City website in August for more information. (www.Rocklin.ca.us)

Garrett, thanks for leading the way as a Stormwater Watcher!!

Dara Dungworth

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Watch what goes in drain

Reader Input

I think all people should watch what they put or wash down the storm drain. Sometimes bad things go down the drain such as zinc and other heavy metals, harmful chemicals, gas, oil, and garbage. All of that stuff goes directly to the watershed and wetlands.

When it goes down the drain it just goes to the ocean. The poisons will get into our food chain. A fish will eat the toxins in it, and then a bird will eat the fish and the bird's eggs won't be as strong to provide for the baby bird so then it will die.

Some people will wash their car on the driveway and that's not OK because the soap will go to the ocean and harm all of the animals. People usually wash the barbecue grill on the drain and with harsh chemicals. You should wash your car at a car wash, and wash your grill on the grass. Another thing you can do is go online and adopt a drain to help keep it clean.

If we take care of our eco system then other people will too. Please be careful what you put down your storm drain.

Lauren Tracey, fifth grade, Rocklin

Keywords

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On 7/1/10 at 01:40 PM, [stormwaterlover](#) wrote:

Lauren, we could not have said it better ourselves! Grill cleaning and car washing are especially popular this time of year. Your tips are right on the money! Thank you for helping get the word out that stormwater and urban runoff flow untreated into the City's creeks and open space areas.

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