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THE VALUE OF YOUR WATER

A portion of your water bill goes toward investing in infrastructure and maintenance of the TMWA water system. This helps ensure around-the-clock treatment, delivery, and availability of high-quality drinking water for more than 385,000 residents of the Truckee Meadows.

PROTECTING WATER QUALITY IN THE TRUCKEE RIVER WATERSHED

The Truckee River Fund (TRF) is working year-round to protect our water quality and watershed. The TRF was established by TMWA in 2005 to protect and enhance the water quality of the Truckee River, our main water source. The TRF researches and finances projects that protect the water quality or water resources of the Truckee River and its watershed, which benefits the community's primary water source and TMWA customers. Every project is required to provide matching grants, thus maximizing the impact of TMWA's contribution. Since its inception, \$11.9 million has been approved for distribution from the TRF to 144 qualifying projects, with \$20.5 million matched from organizations receiving the TRF funds.

Since the last update in June 2016, some of the recently funded projects include drainage improvements in Johnson Canyon, the Watershed Education Initiative, the OneTruckeeRiver Action Plan, Truckee River Clean Up, and the Webber Lake Water Quality Protection Initiatives. View current and completed TRF projects with the project map at truckeerriverfund.org.

If your passion is protecting water quality and the Truckee River watershed, please consider donating to the TRF. Contact the TRF's Administrator, Tracy Turner, PhD, at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada (CFWNV) at 333-5499.

DON'T DUMP YOUR PILLS DOWN THE DRAIN PRESCRIPTION DRUG ROUND UP

Join Together Nevada's Prescription Drug Round Up offers safe disposal of expired or unwanted prescription drugs. Protect our waterways by properly disposing of all medications. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. Take your unwanted prescription medications in their original bottles with names blacked out to any of the following sites:

- CVS, 680 N. McCarran Blvd., Sparks
- Raley's, 18144 Wedge Pkwy., Reno
- Save Mart, 4995 Kietzke Ln., Reno
- Smith's, 175 Lemmon Dr., Reno
- Walgreens, 10370 N. McCarran Blvd., Reno
- Walgreens, 3000 Vista Blvd., Sparks



TMWA'S FREE WORKSHOP SERIES RETURNS THIS SPRING

TMWA offers a series of free workshops and tours to help residents prepare their yards for the summer season. Topics for the workshops include tree care, understanding your drinking water, and how to create biodiverse gardens and water-resilient landscapes (walking tours). Visit tmwa.com/events for workshop dates. All workshops are free, but registration is required; call 834-8005.

WALKING TOUR PART 1:
UNIVERSITY RIDGE PARK
Saturday, May 27 at 10 a.m.

WALKING TOUR PART 2:
VALLEY WOOD PARK
Saturday, May 27 at 1 p.m.

BUILDING WOMEN CAREER FAIR SET FOR APRIL 29

TMWA will again be involved in the Building Women Career Fair set for Saturday, April 29 at the TMCC Applied Technology Center in Reno. Women are encouraged to attend this free event to learn how to apply and qualify for free apprenticeship programs in the building trades, including at TMWA. For more information, visit buildingtradejobs.com or call 772-7146.

AQUIFER RECHARGE PROGRAM ENHANCES THE AREA'S GROUNDWATER

TMWA actively manages our water resources to enhance and preserve groundwater through active and passive recharge programs. This happens in the wintertime when customers are using less water and TMWA can take advantage of available river water.

AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY (ASR), OR ACTIVE RECHARGE: This program treats surface water and injects it into the aquifer at some of TMWA's existing wells throughout the service area. The process occurs during fall and winter when water use in the community drops to one-fourth of the peak summer usage, making additional treated surface water (Truckee River) available. The stored water is saved for later, should we need it during drought periods.

PASSIVE RECHARGE: Since the 2015 consolidation with Washoe County's Department of Water Resources, TMWA has been able to rest (or turn off) wells and move treated surface water to serve our customers in areas that had not received treated river water in the past.

"TMWA's goal is to maximize surface water use when it is available, while also resting wells to preserve groundwater for use when surface water is not available," said Andy Gebhardt, director of operations and water quality. "We treat groundwater like money in the bank—we only use it when necessary."

ASR and passive recharge were established by TMWA to improve water quality and augment water resources. The program was also one of the main goals of consolidation: to improve the management of the area's water resources through conjunctive use, which means minimizing groundwater pumping and maximizing the use of surface water when it is available. The water stored and the water left in the aquifer is in addition to upstream reservoir storage. Both surface and groundwater reserves can be tapped in the event of a drought.

WHERE TO CALL

- GENERAL INQUIRIES: 834-8080
- EMERGENCY REPAIR: 834-8090
- WATER CONSERVATION: 834-8005
- WATER QUALITY: 834-8118
- WATER RIGHTS: 834-8029
- OMBUDSMAN: 848-0813



Truckee Meadows Water Authority is a not-for-profit, community-owned water utility, overseen by elected officials and citizen appointees from Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. TMWA employs a highly skilled team who ensure the treatment, delivery and availability of high-quality drinking water around the clock for more than 385,000 residents of the Truckee Meadows.

HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

- STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Tuesday, May 2 at 3 p.m.
- UNDERSTANDING YOUR DRINKING WATER AT CHALK BLUFF WATER TREATMENT PLANT**
Wednesday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m.
- TREE CARE WORKSHOP**
Wednesday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m.
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
Wednesday, May 17 at 10 a.m.

Locations and details on all workshops and meetings are found here:
<http://www.tmwa.com/meeting>

