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Monte Vista Water District Holds Clinics in Response to Statewide Drought

MONTCLAIR, CA On Thursday, Monte Vista Water District held its first-ever “Drought Response Clinic” to help customers respond to the statewide drought. Nearly 100 people received one-on-one assistance with conservation programs and attended bilingual gardening mini-classes and demonstration garden tours to learn more about water-efficient plants. The clinic was hosted by the Chino Basin Water Conservation District at its Water Conservation Center in Montclair.

“We are thrilled to provide additional opportunities for our customers to learn how to save water,” said Board President Sandra Rose. “The high turn-out at our first clinic shows we are on the right track in responding to this severe drought.”

District customers who attended the clinic were able to sign up for free landscape irrigation evaluations, free sprinkler nozzles, free weather-based irrigation controller installations, and free comprehensive landscape retrofits, depending on their qualifications. They could also sign up for a landscape “transformation” program, which replaces up to 1,000 square feet of front yard turf with water-efficient plants for a small co-pay. Customers were also provided with information on available rebates for toilets and clothes washers, as well as tips on how to change water use habits to avoid waste.

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In January, Governor Brown declared a statewide drought emergency, and in July the State Water Resources Control Board adopted unprecedented emergency conservation regulations for the entire state. The District has had in place since 2010 year-round water use requirements, including those adopted by the state. In mid-August, the District sent a direct mail letter to all customers with information on the state regulations and an invitation to the upcoming Drought Response Clinics.

Two more clinics are scheduled for September 11 and November 22 at the Chino Basin Water Conservation District. Water District customers can also receive one-on-one assistance at the City of Montclair's Health Fair on October 21. Additionally, a regional Water Fair is being held at the Conservation District on October 18. Please visit www.mvwd.org for more information on these upcoming events.



Juan Zamora of the Chino Basin Water Conservation District teaches a garden mini-class on water-efficient irrigation and plants

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District representative Gabby Garcia provides one-on-one drought response assistance to customers



Julissa and Matthew Aldana enjoy their free water-efficient plant giveaway at the end of the garden mini-class