



## New Website Homepage Design User-Friendly Navigation & Accessibility Features

Following months of development, Rainbow Water is proud to launch a new website homepage design. The sleek homepage layout aims to enhance user engagement and streamline navigation to ensure seamless access to critical information with accessibility features.

### Explore the New Home Page

The new website was created by Rainbow Water's in-house staff and design updates were driven by data collected from website traffic, design needs, customer service survey, and feedback from Communications and Customer Service Committee members. The home page was targeted for a minimalist interface to prioritize quick links and large banner images to reduce clutter. The **website content remains the same throughout the site with key change made at the homepage** to increase visual design and make it more intuitive for visitors to find information.

- Improved site navigation with use of high-contrast background color.
- Social icon links and Google Translate above the website navigation.
- Quick links and icons to view the most visited website pages.
- Collection of the most recent news and programs.
- Footer display of meeting dates and links to meeting agendas.

### Website Translation and Accessibility Features

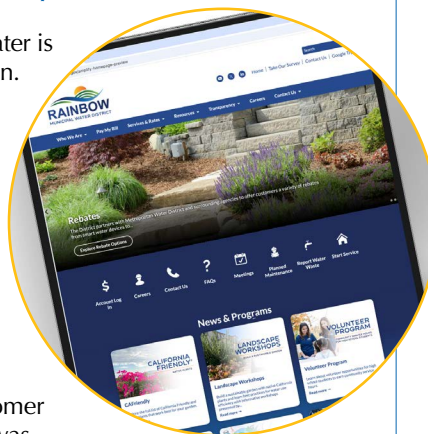
Digital accessibility and inclusivity are the key drivers for the website redesign to meet new web content and mobile application accessibility standards for state and local governments. The website has responsive design features to automatically resize for a desktop screen, phone, or tablet.

#### Language Translation

Translate documents and website content to your preferred language by selecting the Google button at the top right of the website. The tool allows visitors to translate the language from English to over 50 language options.

#### Document Translation

Document accessibility is available for Acrobat PDF files on the website, with options to read aloud, make PDF content mobile friendly, ask questions, and get clear translations of document information. This new accessibility feature includes free access to a live visual interpreter from Aira, a third-party visual interpreting service available 24/7.



## Around the District Highlights from the General Manager: Upcoming Community Events



Rainbow Water is proud to support our community at local events that strengthen our relationships with our customers and local community partners. Recently our team participated in Bonsall Elementary School's Read Across America program, and we are currently hosting our Annual Water Awareness Poster Contest for fourth-grade students.

**Visit the Rainbow Water booth at the Annual Fallbrook Avocado Festival on Sunday, April 19 at Main Avenue and College Street in Fallbrook.**

### Spring Blood Drive & Living Kidney Donor Match Program Screening

Next month we continue our partnership with San Diego Blood Bank by hosting a spring mobile blood drive to support local hospitals. This year our semi-annual blood drive will have the added component of online screenings with Scripps Living Kidney Donor Program. Learn about the process of becoming a living donor and help us take one step closer to finding a kidney donor for one of our long-time Rainbow Water team members. **Donors receive a free San Diego Padres t-shirt and Rainbow Water reusable water bottle.** Every donor screening and donation brings hope and lifesaving blood for those who need it most.

### Spring Blood Drive

**Date:** Thursday, May 21, 2026

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Rainbow Water District Parking Lot  
3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028

Schedule your appointment online at:  
[rainbowmwd.ca.gov/spring-blood-drive](http://rainbowmwd.ca.gov/spring-blood-drive)



### Dive into the New Website Homepage and Subscribe to Our E-Newsletter

Explore our fresh new look and discover the latest accessibility features. Never miss a beat—get our community newsletter delivered straight to your inbox by signing up for the e-newsletter: [rainbowmwd.ca.gov](http://rainbowmwd.ca.gov)



# Rainbow Water Rundown

Introducing the Rainbow Water Rundown, a summary of what happened at the most recent Board of Directors meeting.

## March Board Meeting Highlights

**Water Sales Projection Update:** A fiscal year 2026-2027 Water Sales target of 10,750 acre feet was approved by the Board. The projection assists staff with budget preparation and estimates revenues (water deliveries) to expenses (imported water purchases) accordingly.

**Flume Contract Renewed:** Approved a two-year contract for the smart home water monitor & leak detector with the District subsidizing a portion of the device cost. The new customer purchase price is \$125 with \$50 instant rebate after installation for a final customer cost of just \$75. The device allows our customers to view real time water readings and receive leak notifications using the free Flume mobile app. The new contract will start after all current contract devices are sold or by July 2026.

**Ocean Breeze Land Development:** Approved construction agreements for the Ocean Breeze master-planned community in Bonsall. The new home developer will construct water and sewer improvements, including two sewer lift stations, and pipeline extensions from Old Highway 395 and West Lilac Roads providing both a primary and secondary water source to the community. Project completion is anticipated within an 18-24 month timeframe.

**Cybersecurity Services Agreement:** A Professional Services Agreement with Silversky Inc. was approved to strengthen cybersecurity measures. The agreement will be paid 100% through a grant awarded to the District last fall by the California Office of Emergency Service (Cal OES).

**Line NN Construction Contract:** Additional funding and award of a Construction Contract to Vadnais Microtunneling was approved for the Line NN Emergency Pipeline Replacement Project. A casing and steel pipe will be installed under Highway 76, and the work will start immediately with estimated completion date in July 2026.

## Join Our Public Meetings

Meetings are held in the Rainbow Water board room and via zoom on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Agenda & info: [rainbowmwd.ca.gov/meetings](http://rainbowmwd.ca.gov/meetings)

**Board of Directors Meeting:** Tues, April 28

### Committee Meetings

- Engineering & Operations: Tues, May 5
- Budget & Finance: Tues, May 12
- Communications & Customer Service: Tues, May 19

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Customer Care & After Hours: 760.728.1178  
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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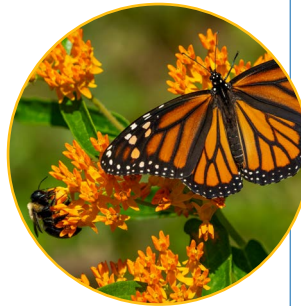
## Ready, Set, Grow

### Celebrate National Garden Month with Tips to Revive Your Yard and Attract Pollinators

National Gardening Month is celebrated in April to launch spring planting projects in schools and local communities. Established by the United States Department of Agriculture in April 2015, National Garden Month recognizes the tradition of growing fruit, flowers, and plants across the United States. Gardens beautify communities and serve as pollinator habitats that attract bees, butterflies, and birds. Grow your best garden this spring with these helpful tips.

#### Plant with a Purpose

Design a yard with long term water savings when you add California Friendly® and native plants. These *non-invasive, easy to maintain plants use 75% less water than traditional turf lawns* and last throughout the year. The plants create an ideal environment to attract pollinators, beautify your space, and add biodiversity. Before you start planting, explore a list of small to large plants, succulents, trees and groundcover that will thrive in the dry arid climate of San Diego County, visit: [rainbowmwd.ca.gov/CAFriendly](http://rainbowmwd.ca.gov/CAFriendly)



#### Reduce Evaporation with Mulch

The recent rise in heat has left many plants in need of more water. Create a space where water can drain to the plant root when you add mulch. Mulch instantly beautifies outdoor spaces, suppresses weeds, and improves soil by reducing evaporation to allow plants retain moisture.

- Inorganic mulches such as decomposed granite, gravel and rock work best for areas within zero to five feet of the residence.
- Use a variety of mulch types such as small compostable mulch sized at no more than 1.5" wide and maintain a cover of 3 to 4 inches thick.
- Avoid combustible mulch such as shredded redwood or cedar bark.

#### Contact 811 Before You Dig

Planning to install a fence or dig a hole for a large tree? Prevent serious injury, property damage, or loss of utility service by scheduling a visit from 811 Dig Alert.

- Mark out the excavation area with spray paint or use string and sticks.
- Schedule an appointment at [California811.org](http://California811.org) or call 811 at least two days prior to the start of your dig project.
- Wait to dig until your ticket is approved.
- Locate your ticket and verify approval by checking the utility responses through the online portal at [DigAlert.org](http://DigAlert.org)

## Virtual Landscape Workshops

Get inspired to revamp your landscape with free virtual workshops from Metropolitan Water District and Green Garden Creations.



#### April Workshop Topics:

- Design Your Sustainable Garden
- Irrigation & Controller Basics for Smart Watering
- California Friendly & Native Plant Landscape Training

Advanced registration is required for the workshops. Visit: [rainbowmwd.ca.gov/landscape-workshops](http://rainbowmwd.ca.gov/landscape-workshops)

