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# **MARCH 29 *LET'S TALK* EVENT TO HIGHLIGHT PWD WATER SUPPLY & VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION**

*Palmdale, CA* – Palmdale Water District (PWD) will provide information about the state of its 2023 water supply and the easing of water conservation guidelines at its next *Let's Talk H2O!* event.

The community is invited to the free event scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at PWD's main office, 2029 East Avenue Q. Those interested should register at <https://bit.ly/23watersupply>. All attendees will be entered into a raffle for a hot water recirculating pump by Eastman Nevercold, which retails for \$269.

“With all the storms that have come through since late December, I know a lot of people are interested in what that means for our water supply this year and what conservation measures should be taken,” said PWD General Manager Dennis D. LaMoreaux. “Resource and Analytics Supervisor Claudia Bolanos and I look forward to sharing with our

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community what the supply looks like right now and how we are planning for the year.”

Two weeks ago, PWD rolled back water conservation guidelines from mandatory to voluntary. Patrolling for off-day watering violations has been cancelled, and fines are no longer being issued. Instead, customers are encouraged to limit irrigation to any three days of the week and to avoid the hottest times of the day. On April 1, the drought surcharge for water used in Tiers 3-5, the non-essential tiers, will end.

Although the outlook has greatly improved from the past few years of severe drought, PWD is still asking customers to conserve at least 12% of their water use compared to 2020. The savings would allow the District to have at least 5,000 acre-feet of water going into 2024. The 12% could be lowered if the State Water Project increases its water allocation above the current 35%.

PWD receives water from three different sources – State Water Project, Littlerock Reservoir, and groundwater – to serve about 126,000 people. The Littlerock Dam has been full since early January and has been the primary source of water this year.

“We are in a much better shape, but conservation needs to continue,” LaMoreaux said.

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit [www.palmdalewater.org](http://www.palmdalewater.org).

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