

BCPUD PIPELINE



Spring 2019

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Bolinas Rainfall Totals for 2018-19 (thus far!) and a Reminder to Conserve Water as we Enter the Typically Dry Months of the Year.

The rainfall total for the district for the 2018-19 “rain year” (which began on July 1, 2018 and concludes on June 30, 2019) is **35.8 inches** through March 31, 2019.

Although it seems to many of us as though it has been an unusually wet year, this year’s rainfall total to-date is only slightly higher than our average annual rainfall of approximately 32 inches.

Notably, 25.5 inches of the total 35.8 inches fell during the first three months of 2019 rather than earlier in the rain year, which bodes well for a bolstered water supply during the Spring and Summer months.

That said, please keep in mind that our water source is very limited and please continue your conservation efforts, particularly as we head into the typically dry months of the year (May-October). Please limit any outdoor watering to hand-watering strategically and consider planting as many of the wonderful drought tolerant plants as you can. Thank you!

Water or Sewer emergency? Please contact our office at 415-868-1224

BCPUD Board Officially Changes the Name of the District’s “Expanded Water Use Permit” to “Limited Water Use Permit”.

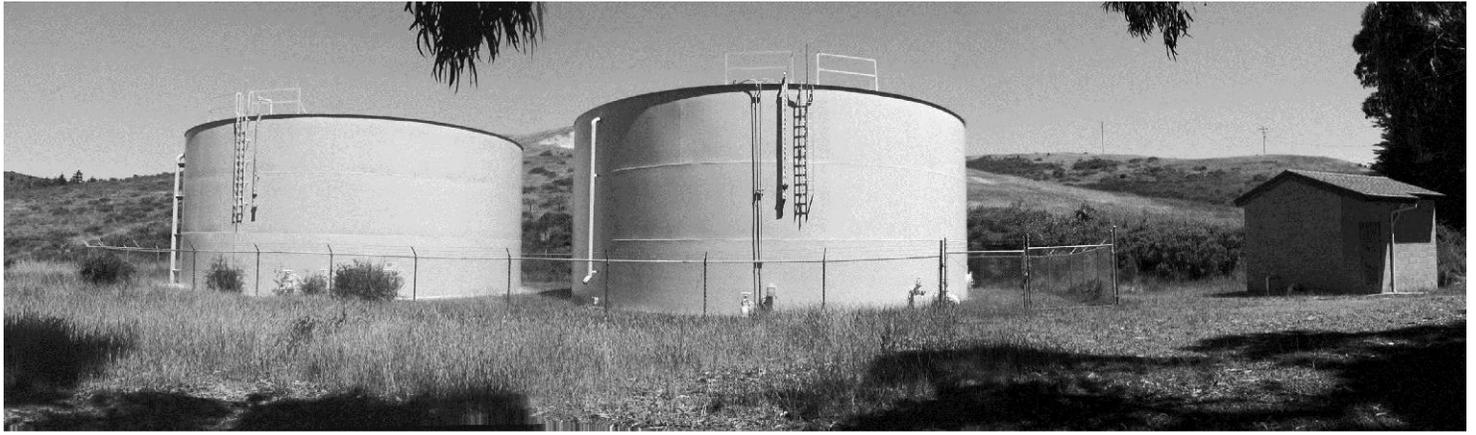
At the regular monthly meeting of the BCPUD Board of Directors on February 20, 2019, the directors passed Resolution 663, which amends all BCPUD resolutions, rules, policies and procedures that refer to “Expanded Water Use Permits” to refer to such permits henceforth as “Limited Water Use Permits”.

In passing BCPUD Resolution 663, the Board referenced the fact that in 1977, the district duly enacted Resolution 173 -- known as the “moratorium resolution” -- declaring a continuing water shortage emergency condition. Paragraph 6 of that resolution established a procedure and formula for the Board to issue permits to *limit* water use based on historical usage in cases where an existing customer applies for coastal, building or other use permits to modify his or her property in a way that *could* expand, or increase, his or her demand for District water. Permits limiting water use as issued by the Board pursuant to paragraph 6 of Resolution 173 are an important mechanism by which the District manages its scarce water supply.

Since the enactment of Resolution 173, the BCPUD has referred to the permits issued pursuant to paragraph 6 of that resolution as “expanded water use permits.” Over the years, BCPUD customers and other members of the public have found this terminology to be confusing as the term “expanded water use permit” seems to indicate that the District is permitting water use to expand, rather than doing the exact opposite - i.e., *limiting* the amount of water that can be used. As such, the Board decided it was time to make a change and officially rename these water use permits.

Accordingly, at the February 20, 2019 regular meeting, the Board found that the interests of the District would be best served by officially changing the name of the “expanded water use permit” to more clearly indicate to customers and other members of the public that permits issued pursuant to Resolution 173, paragraph 6, *restrict* water use by imposing a quarterly *limit* on the amount of water that can be used. **The Board concluded that the permits shall henceforth be referred to as “limited water use permits”.**





Update on the District's East Tank Rehabilitation Project

Following a competitive bidding process last Fall, the BCPUD authorized the selected contractor in March 2019 to proceed with the rehabilitation of the "East Tank", one of the district's two treated water storage tanks on Mesa Road (*pictured above*). The East Tank is on the right side of the above photo and the other tank, known as the "West Tank", is scheduled to be similarly rehabilitated within the next two to three years. The East Tank project includes, but is not limited to, sandblasting and recoating the exterior roof and spot repairs of the exterior coating, as well as sandblasting and recoating the full interior of the tank and installing certain seismic safety improvements. All exterior surfaces of the tank that do not requiring full recoating will be power-washed, sanded and top-coated to match the exterior areas of the tank. The project is anticipated to be completed within three to four months with the goal of returning the tank to service prior to the July 4th holiday.

A Reminder about Spray Season at the Sewer Pond Property!

Finally, we would like to remind everyone that "spray season" at the district's sewer pond property officially runs from April 15-November 15 every year. As this newsletter goes to print, our shift operators are repairing spray heads and otherwise performing maintenance work to ready the fields for spraying. Please observe posted signage at the property. The signage is there to remind the public that access to the sewer pond trails in the sprayfields is **not allowed** when the sprays are on.



Many thanks for your understanding and anticipated cooperation!