Rincon Water Names Clint Baze as New General Manager

The Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District (Rincon Water) Board of Directors is pleased to welcome its new General Manager, Clint R. Baze. Serving as the District's eighth General Manager since 1954, Baze takes over for Greg Thomas who assumed the General Manager position at the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District.

With extensive public sector experience, Baze has managed and operated municipal water and wastewater systems in San Diego County for 35 years. Upon joining the Rincon family nearly 20 years ago as the District's Director of Engineering and Operations, Baze oversaw the management and operations of its potable system, construction and operations of its recycled water distribution system, and the recent acquisition of its wastewater system. "Clint knows Rincon Water from the inside out," said James Murtland, Rincon Water's Board President. "His knowledge and capabilities are essential assets that made him the logical - and best choice – to be Rincon Water’s General Manager."

Baze’s immediate objective is to be proactive in addressing customer needs while continuing to diversify the District’s water supply portfolio. A bi-monthly newsletter is one of Baze’s initial actions to ensure that customers are well informed about projects, conservation incentives, water rates, and other activities. "It is my goal to promote excellence in customer service, maintain reasonable and responsible water rates, and ensure the delivery of quality drinking water," he said.

Baze holds a bachelor’s degree in Organizational Leadership, D5 and T2 certifications from the American Water Works Association, and an associate’s degree in Water Technology from Palomar College. As a retired professional rodeo athlete, Baze’s hobbies include tending to his horses and other farm stock as well as tinkering with all things metal and mechanical.

Ask an Expert

Q: I heard that on January 1, 2020, I am limited to using only 55 gallons of water each day. How can I shower AND wash clothes on the same day?

A: You can do both AND efficiently irrigate your garden if it needs it! Unfortunately, some media outlets have misinterpreted the impacts of California’s SB 606 and AB 1688. These mandates fall on the urban water supplier, like Rincon Water, to ensure efficient water use by its customers. The standards and methodologies to measure this are still being devised by the State Water Board with a tentative deadline of 2022. Until then, we will not know how significantly - if at all - these mandates will impact our customers. Stay tuned!

Do you have a question about water? Please submit your question to conservation@rinconwater.org and we will try to answer it in an upcoming newsletter.
Sierra Linda Pipeline Project

Have you ever wondered where the money goes when you pay the monthly operations charge on your water bill? That money often funds capital improvement projects which must take place, independent of how much water you use - or don’t use. One such project completed in 2019, was Rincon Water’s Sierra Linda Pipeline Project (SLPP).

The purpose of the $1.2 million SLPP project was multi-faceted. The pipeline, located in the San Pasqual area of the District, consisted of pipeline sections dating as far back as the 1960s. With some sections nearing their useful life, it became necessary to replace this aging infrastructure which had been patched here and there over the years. By installing 1,675 feet (equivalent to the length of 4.5 football fields laid end-to-end) of 16-inch pipeline, customers can expect improved service quality and reliability along with increased fire fighting capacity, which is so vital in this urban wildlife interface corridor.

During the two-month project, new valves were also installed to improve operational flexibility for Rincon Water’s operations staff and nearby customers. The new valves will allow the District to more efficiently isolate customers in an emergency situation like a leak, while minimizing the number of impacted customers during a service outage.

Rincon Water Employees: Giving Back to the Community

Each year, fueled by a passion to serve the community, our employees focus on a local charity in need of a helping hand, especially during the holidays. For the third year in a row, our employees provided some holiday love to the homeless furry friends at the San Diego Humane Society - Escondido Campus (SDHS). This year, Rincon Water employees and several much appreciated customers gathered food, toys, blankets, treats, and bedding to provide comfort for the dogs, cats, bunnies, and rats waiting patiently for their forever homes! The San Diego Humane Society can use help throughout the year. To see how you can help and to review their Wish List, visit: www.sdhumane.org/support-us/ways-to-give/wish-list.html.

Free Smoke Detectors!

A smoke detector is your first line of defense in being fire-safe! In partnership with the Red Cross, the Escondido Fire Department is offering free smoke detectors while supplies last. For more information and to reserve yours, email your name, address and phone number to: sbauer@escondido.org. Don’t forget to tell your neighbors. You just might save a life.