

The Current Flow

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Water – Still the Best Value

When you think of all the things we do with water, from brewing morning coffee, laundry, the daily shower or bath, washing dishes, cooking, cleaning and more – it's easy to take water for granted. Compare the cost of water to the per gallon cost of everyday items listed below (survey date 12/6/10). Unit prices available on-line at www.LVMWD.com/Services/Potable Water.



Milk \$3.99



Fiji bottled water \$7.55



Starbucks Caffé Latte \$24.32



Pepsi Cola \$3.47



Gasoline \$3.33



LVMWD water \$0.0033

And remember, LVMWD water is delivered dependably and safely to your home, every day of the year through an extensive system of pumps, tanks and pipes, most of it hidden from sight.💧

2011 State Water Supply

The new year brings uncertainty to the state's water supply picture. Some good news is the state began the new "water year" with an early projection of 25 percent of normal deliveries, up from just 5 percent at this time last year. As our water is imported from northern California, the amount of rain and snow that falls in the Sierras through the end of March will determine the final amount to be delivered through the State Water Project.💧



“What's **SHAKING**” Emergency Brochure

This edition of the Current Flow is a bit shorter so we could send the accompanying “What's Shaking With Your Water” brochure. It contains helpful information on what to do in the event of an earthquake or larger emergency. Be sure to read it now and then keep it with your emergency supplies for quick reference.💧

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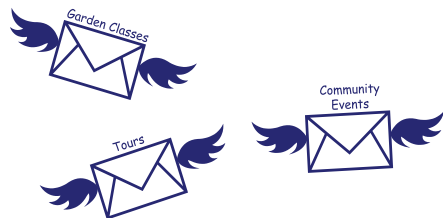
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THE MISSING PIECE

After an emergency, it's okay to use pool and spa water for drinking and cooking.

True or False?

Send your response to:

THE MISSING PIECE, LVMWD, 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302, or submit your answer electronically by sending an e-mail to dlow@LVMWD.com with "Missing Piece" in the subject line. Prizes awarded monthly to ten winners randomly selected from the correct responses. Watch for the answer in the next issue of *The Current Flow*.

Previous issue's **MISSING PIECE** answer:

What is the term length of Tapia's discharge permit?

Answer: 5 years

Globe Mallows

These native chaparral plants are often overlooked in our landscapes. They are a striking addition to areas with good drainage, such as slopes, and their variety of blossom colors add color to your garden at otherwise drab times of the year.

Malacothamnus fasciculatus

A California native, this medium shrub is well branched with semi-deciduous hairy leaves. Pink blossoms resemble hollyhocks and appear from spring to summer. 3-12' h x 6' w

Mesa or Chaparral Mallow³²



Apricot or Desert Mallow¹



Sphaeralcea ambigua

An extremely hardy native, this small shrub bears bright apricot to coral 1" blossoms summer through fall with gray-green leaves; does not like to be wet in the winter. Does well with periodic trimming. 3' h x 3' w

Sphaeralcea munroana Munros Mallow¹⁴

This native groundcover forms a low mounded shrub. Spring through summer the dark pink – orange blossoms cover the foliage. Grows quickly with regular irrigation. 1' h x 3-5' w



White-coat Globe Mallow¹



Malacothamnus fremontii

This native is often available in commercial nurseries. All stem and leaf parts are covered with white hairs; the pink, tulip-shaped blossoms appear from spring to fall. 2-6' h x 3' w

For more information on these waterwise plants, go to the Conservation section of our web site - www.LVMWD.com. To find a local retailer to purchase native plants, go to BeWaterWise (<http://www.bewaterwise.com/retailers.html>).

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