



JOINT CONFINED SPACE TRAINING

Rainbow Municipal Water District's (RMWD) Wastewater and Valve Maintenance staff performed their Confined Space Rescue training with North County Fire Department. North County Fire and Rainbow MWD participants reviewed Rainbow's confined space trailer, gas monitors, department tools and specialized equipment. Firefighters and RMWD staff practiced with rescue ropes and entered a confined space at Lake Rancho Viejo for collaborating on mutual aid assistance.

A confined space has limited or restricted means for entry or exit and is not designed for continuous occupancy. Confined spaces entry for RMWD staff include assets such tanks, vaults, manholes, and pipelines.

Confined spaces may contain hazardous atmospheres, including insufficient oxygen, toxic (poisonous) air, or an explosive atmosphere. These spaces may also have physical hazards that may result, for example, in workers falling, being crushed or buried, or drowning.

These hazards may not be obvious, so training is done every year however, working with North County Fire brings our training sessions into another light and gives us an opportunity to work with the firefighters to improve our safety measures and practices.



RIGHT-OF-WAY POLICY ADOPTION

At the October Board meeting, after much planning and review, the District's Board approved the adoption of a Right-of-Way Policy to be incorporated into the District's Administrative Code. This policy is a very important and essential tool to help the District administer the protection of over 700 miles of easements.

The Policy provides descriptions of allowed and not allowed uses in District easements. Examples of not allowed uses include trees, structures of any kind, concrete paved driveways, and fences. It also defines when an encroachment permit can be administered.

Homeowners please be aware of any District easements located on your property and help us to preserve them and keep them clear so that we can access and maintain our infrastructure. If you have any questions regarding easements or the Policy please feel free to contact the District's Right-of-Way and Facilities Coordinator, Kim Brown, at 760-728-1178 ext.108. To review our Right-of-Way Policy, please visit our website <https://www.rainbowmwd.com/right-of-way-policy-adoption>.

NEW CUSTOMER SERVICE STAFF

Leslie Mondragon is our newest Customer Service Representative. With 8 years of Customer Service experience, she hopes to use her administrative, interpersonal skills, to offer a motivated, productive, and goal orientated environment for the entire Rainbow Water team while also maintaining extensive customer loyalty. She is also fluent in Spanish and currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in business at California Baptist University. When not working, she enjoys spending time with her Husky Mora and her family.



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Are you interested in becoming an active participant in the District's outreach and communication programs including: positive public image; positive staff and customer relationships; community outreach; media relations; water use efficiency programs; intergovernmental relations; and other public relations enhancement programs.

At our Communications and Customer Service Committee Meetings, typically held the first Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the District, you can be actively involved in making decisions for cultivating positive customer and public relations.

Please contact Dawn Washburn at (760) 728-1178 ext. 129 or by email at dwashburn@rainbowmwd.com for more details.

COST SAVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAN DIEGO FARMERS

Farming has never been easy, and it is certainly not easy right now. The rising cost of water, energy, labor, more stringent state regulations, foreign competition and fluctuating markets, challenge our growers every day.

Through joint efforts with the Mission Resources Conservation District (MRCD) and US Department of Agriculture – National Resource Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), Rainbow Municipal Water District (RMWD) is pleased to offer our growers opportunities to reduce water and energy costs:

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) – Up to \$1.5 million in direct and in-kind funding from the USDA-NRCS and the San Diego region's water agencies (including RMWD) is available to assist implementation of on-farm soil and water conservation/management practices and equipment. The process starts with a free Irrigation Efficiency Evaluation by MRCD; qualifying growers may then apply for financial assistance to implement conservation practices from the USDA-NRCS.

For information on these programs –contact Lance Andersen, Agricultural Program Director with MRCD at (760) 728-1332 or by email at lance@missionrcd.org. Lance will take the time to help you understand the program and determine what is best for you.

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