



RAINBOW RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED BUDGET AWARD

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) honored Rainbow Municipal Water District this past April with their Certificate of Recognition for Budget Preparation for the District's 2017 budget. This is the first year the District has received this prestigious award, which is a monumental accomplishment and one of the District's annual objectives in our strategic plan for achieving fiscal accountability.

The GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program (Budget Awards Program) in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

General Manager, Tom Kennedy commented, "This was one of the goals we established in our strategic plan and remains an objective for us to obtain every year." Mr. Kennedy added, "The District continuously strives to improve the quality of our financial performance measures and are pleased to be recognize for this achievement."

Each of RMWD's budget documents submitted to the program were evaluated separately by three GFOA reviewers. Each reviewer rates a given budget document as being either *not proficient*, *proficient*, or *outstanding* regarding 27 specific criteria, grouped into four basic categories. The reviewer also provides an overall rating for each of the basic categories. To receive the award, a budget document must be rated either *proficient* or *outstanding* by at least two of the three reviewers for all four basic categories, as well as for 14 of the 27 specific criteria identified as mandatory.

FREE IRRIGATION CHECK-UP

Spring has arrived and summer is quickly approaching which means it's time to do a spring check-up on your irrigation systems. Mission Resource Conservation District (MCRD) offers a free no-obligation irrigation evaluation for commercial, residential and agricultural properties with one or more acres of planted and irrigated land. Irrigation system evaluations are a valuable tool for managing water resources and can often lead to a savings of 10 percent or more on your water consumption – and help lower your water bill!

MCRD will schedule a site walk-through with one of their certified irrigation professional who will identify opportunities for water savings, site-specific recommendations, and an easy to understand report and recommendations for spring landscape preparations and water budgeting management. To learn more about programs and services provide by MCRD go to:

<http://missionrcd.org/residential/landscape/>

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FEATURE SPOTLIGHT

LIVE WATERSMART PHOTO CONTEST

In celebration of Water Awareness Month, the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) is launching the Live WaterSmart photo contest to highlight the value of water and promote water-use efficiency as a lifestyle regardless of the weather.

The photo contest will be hosted on Instagram (@sdcwa) from **May 1 to May 31, 2017**. To participate, take a photo that demonstrates how water is an essential part of your life – indoors or outdoors – and submit it to sdcwa@sdcwa.org.

Photos that meet contest rules will be posted on Instagram beginning May 1. For more information on sponsors and prizes, go to sdcwa.org/live-watersmart-photo-contest.

Here are two photo entry examples by: (left) Cynthia Robertson and (right) James Baxter



One of the grand prizes will go to the photo that receives the most “likes” on Instagram, so encourage your family and friends to follow the Water Authority and vote by liking their favorite photos.

Thanks to the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, one of the prizes will include a four-pack of Explorer One-Day Passes to visit up to five museums in beautiful Balboa Park.

Contest deadline: Photos must be submitted by

5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Winners will be announced the week of June 5, 2017

Participants must be 18 or older. Winners will be asked to show proof of age. The first 20 participants will receive a water-themed prize. Five runners-up will be chosen based on originality, composition, and how well the photo represents the theme.