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RENOVATIONS CONTINUE AT JCSD PARKS AND FRONTAGE AREAS

JURUPA VALLEY, CA (November 14, 2017) – After six years of drought and State of California mandated water reductions, JCSD is in the process of restoring its frontage landscapes and parks. Irrigation was decreased 25-30 percent to meet State water-use targets. Reduced irrigation coupled with extreme summer heat caused many plants and grassy areas to die. Over the six-year drought period, the cycle of little irrigation and heat left bare spots throughout JCSD’s 14 parks and over 30 miles of frontage areas.

With the drought officially over and the arrival of cooler fall temperatures, JCSD is restoring hard-hit frontage areas throughout its service territory. The areas that will be addressed immediately include Milana Drive, Festival Way, Maycrest Avenue, Blossom Way, and Sumner Avenue. Bellegrave and Hamner Avenues are scheduled for replanting later in the year. Each area will be assessed for plant needs, irrigation repairs, and the addition of mulch. Replacement plants include Lantana, “Little John’s,” and other drought tolerant plant material.

“The Board of Directors believed it was necessary to lead by example and reduce water use wherever possible during the drought,” stated General Manager Todd Corbin. “Overall, the Parks Department reduced water use by 30 percent. Now it’s time to restore those areas with plants we know will thrive in the next dry season.”

Several parks are also undergoing restoration as new grass seed is sown to prepare sports fields for spring time athletic leagues. This is a critical step that is performed every fall when grass seed has the best chance of growth. Reseeded parks will receive extra water in the next few weeks to allow the seeds to germinate. Taking these steps now, when days are shorter and the temperature is significantly cooler, will save water in the long run by giving plants and grass a good start.

We encourage our customers to explore different ways to landscape utilizing drought tolerant plants and permeable hardscapes as well as other water-saving methods. Online help can be found at www.jcsd.us/services/do-it-yourself-landscape-transformation

For more information about Level 2 water-use restrictions, water-efficient appliance rebates, and landscape classes, please visit our website at www.jcsd.us or call (951) 727-8002.

About JCSD

Founded in 1956, the Jurupa Community Services District is a public agency known as a Special District, governed by a five-member, elected, Board of Directors. JCSD serves over 118,700 people in a 40-square-mile region of western Riverside County in the cities of Jurupa Valley and Eastvale by providing a variety of critical services such as water, sewer, street lights, frontage landscape maintenance, and graffiti abatement. JCSD is also responsible for parks maintenance and recreation programming within the JCSD parks territory.

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