



## Attend annual GMP public workshop

Learn more about groundwater at the Groundwater Management Program's annual public workshop on **Oct. 5 at 6 p.m.** The workshop will be held at the Las Vegas Valley Water District offices at 1001 S. Valley View Blvd.

Representatives from the State Engineer's office, Southern Nevada Health District and Southern Nevada Water Authority will be present to answer questions about water conservation, health and water quality, and other programs available.

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You may also call **258-7288** or log on to **snwa.com**.

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## SNWA Board maintains annual fee reduction

In July, the SNWA Board voted to maintain the reduced annual groundwater fee at \$13 per domestic well or per acre-foot of permitted water right. The fee, initially reduced in 2009, supports ongoing program activities including the well conversion financial assistance program, well plugging and abandonment, public education, water conservation programs and water quality efforts. The Nevada Legislature authorized the fee in 1999

to support these programs for well owners in the Las Vegas Valley.

### Reminder

The annual bills for the Groundwater Management Fee were mailed out in early September and are due 30 days from issuance. Questions? Call the Groundwater Information Line at **258-7288**.

## Routine well maintenance: Tips for well users

Well ownership comes with the responsibility of keeping your well in good working order. Performing regular maintenance is critical to prevent major malfunctions and costly repairs, as well as protect personal health and safety.

- **Inspect your wellhead several times a year.** Check the condition of the well covering, casing and well cap for any cracks or corrosion where pollutants could enter. Inspect the surface seal around the well for settling or cracking.
- **Be mindful of changes at the well site.** Monitor drops in pressure at the wellhead or excessive well run times to maintain tank levels, which may indicate pump motor problems.
- **Ensure your drinking water is safe.** Send samples from your tap to a certified local water laboratory for analysis at least annually. Call the Southern Nevada Health District at **759-0677** to obtain a list of local water quality laboratories.

- **Keep contaminants away from the wellhead site.** Avoid mixing, using or storing hazardous chemicals such as paint, fertilizer, pesticides, motor oil, gas, weed killer and other pollutants near the well.
- **Keep well records in a safe place.** These include the well drilling report, well drilling company, water quality tests, well permit, inspection and repair reports, and well user agreement.
- **Schedule a routine well checkup with a licensed and/or certified well contractor.** A well professional can help determine system output, water levels, well and pump performance as well as identify any major issues of concern.

If you have additional questions about well use and maintenance, please call the Nevada Division of Water Resources at **486-2770**.

## Meet your State Engineer

In April, Jason King was appointed by the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to serve as the 21st State Engineer for Nevada. King previously served as acting State Engineer while former State Engineer Tracy Taylor was on a leave of absence. Taylor continues to serve the department as Deputy State Engineer.

Born in Albuquerque, King earned a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of New Mexico. Prior to joining the Division of Water Resources in 1991, King worked at the Nevada Test Site performing structural design.

As State Engineer, King is responsible for managing the state's Division of Water Resources and overseeing the administration and enforcement of Nevada Water Law. While King's main office is located in Carson City, there is a local office to address Southern Nevada's unique groundwater issues. Learn more about the State Engineer's office at [water.nv.gov](http://water.nv.gov).



Jason King, right, was sworn in as Nevada's new State Engineer in April.

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Sub-meters are available to help you manage your water use. Call the Groundwater Information Line at **258-7288** or visit [LasVegasGMP.org](http://LasVegasGMP.org) for more information.

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