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## What is DriWater?



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## City Lifts Landscape Water Restrictions

The City of Folsom has lifted the Stage 2 Water alert following the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's announcement that Folsom will receive a full water allocation this year.

L & L areas will continue to conserve as before.

Schedule a free Water-Wise House Call by calling (916) 355-7252. City staff will assist with sprinkler system check-ups and offer conservation solutions.

For more information, visit our website at:  
[www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us)

## Highlights in the L&L's

- ARCN-painting bollards, installing new pins, welding new chain on bollards
- Irrigation team is adding features to controllers to allow remote control access for field checks (saves time and money)
- Graffiti/Vandalism-more copper wire stolen in median on Oak Avenue and also again on Trobrurry.
- Natoma Station-more letters stolen
- Working on Engineer's Reports budgets and discussing budgets with Committee members
- Arbor Day-April 24 many volunteers and industry help to plant over 100 trees at the new Hinkle Creek Nature Center. City is using a "Dri-Water" system to establish and water the trees with no other water source (see additional information attached)
- Had contract kick off with SCI for outreach in Blue Ravine Oaks and Folsom Heights on May 3, 2010. Planning on mid-June public meeting to begin process with both communities. L&L committee members are welcome to be involved in that process



Egret in City Park



Typical Sidewalk issue in Blue Ravine

## Budgets and Engineers Report

### City Budget

City budget process is being finalized for City Council approval end of May. Proposed changes include layoffs (31 occupied and 19.5 vacant), reorganization of departments, and an overall budget reduction of over 5% from a \$70 million budget to a \$66.5 million budget.

MLS team will go under P&R and it appears no staffing will be lost but some duties may change or expand.

### Engineer's Reports

Draft budgets are prepared and with consultant to finalize. The formula for spreading costs to L&L Admin and Cost Allocation is being looked at to include all operating and maintenance costs as a basis for each year's spread. That could make more sense since staff time is spent in all of those areas and not just on "scheduled" costs (as was previously the basis). Ratio's are about the same. Staff to keep Committee

The Engineer's Report Schedule is as follows:

- ❖ June 8, 2010 City Council to review and consider Preliminary Engineer's Report (consent item)
- ❖ July 13, 2010 City Council Public Hearing to review and consider Final Engineer's Report



### What is DRiWATER®?

DRiWATER is a patented product that consists of 98% purified water and 2% food grade ingredients. It is bound in the form of a gel-like solid that provides consistent subsurface irrigation to plants up to three months! DRiWATER is NOT a polymer or wetting agent and is organic and completely non-toxic.

DRiWATER provides the only irrigation solution that is based on modifying the properties of water, and thus, is the only irrigation solution that transcends the constraints of traditional methods of accessing, transporting, storing or applying water to plants. It is the only product on the market that can deliver moisture directly to a plant's roots, making frequent or repeated watering unnecessary and saving labor and equipment costs. Additionally, there is no water wasted or need for a permanent water source.

### How does it work?

Natural enzymes found in the soil gradually break down the food grade ingredients that bind DRiWATER together. As the gel converts to liquid, capillary action carries and maintains moisture throughout the root zone. Capillary action is important because plants have access to both moisture and oxygen at all times. Using DRiWATER also keeps the roots from being too wet or too dry.

A single quart of DRiWATER® will provide enough water to sustain a small seedling tree up to three months, depending on the type of plant, extent of its root structure and specific existing soil and climatic conditions.

With DRiWATER, 100% of the water is available to the plant without waste due to runoff, leaching or evaporation. It has been reformulated and perfected over the previous four years and extensive testing under harsh conditions shows DRiWATER has no adverse health or environmental effects.

### Who Uses DRiWATER?

Who needs DRiWATER? Anyone who wants to establish and promote healthy plant materials of all kinds. DRiWATER is effective when used by individuals in a home garden or by a vast number of professionals working on a variety of projects. DRiWATER's unique time-release water offers a simple, cost-effective and environmentally friendly method of irrigation that supports a wide-range of users.

#### DRiWATER Users:

- Anyone
- Civil Engineers
- Conservation Districts
- County Agencies
- Department of Interior
- Departments of Transportation
- Environmental Consultants
- Environmental Organizations
- Federal Agencies
- Federal Highway Commission
- Flood Control Districts
- Growers
- Home owners
- Interiorscape
- Land Developers
- Landscape Contractors
- Mining Companies
- Municipalities (Hanging Baskets, Medians, Parking Lots)
- Natural Resource Conservation District
- Office Building Plant Care
- Plant lovers
- State Agencies
- Theme parks
- Utility Companies
- Viticulturist
- Water Districts
- Zoos

#### DRiWATER® PRODUCTS

