

# DWANews

DESERT WATER  SPRING 2022

Let's make every drop count!

## SECRETARY CROWFOOT VISITS PALM SPRINGS TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY



The California Natural Resources Secretary, Wade Crowfoot, visited Palm Springs March 16 and spoke at an event with local leaders.

With a backdrop of the beautiful desert landscape at Firebird Estates condos, Crowfoot spoke about how each of us can do our part to help Palm Springs and California save water in the short term and for future generations.

The message was clear – California's climate extremes call for action.



Desert Water Agency, along with our regional partners, continue to look at ways to plan ahead, such as investing in the proposed Sites Reservoir and Delta Conveyance Project.

In addition to new supply development, DWA continues to support customers in their efforts to use less water in homes, businesses, yards and public spaces.

To check out DWA plans, go to [www.dwa.org/planning](http://www.dwa.org/planning)

## ELECTION MAP UPDATE

In the November 2022 elections, DWA, like most other government agencies and cities across California, will be using new election division maps.

The 2020 Census results required DWA to modify their current map, adjusting for the increase in population and ensuring that minority communities are represented fairly.

DWA held public hearings, two public workshops and invited the public to participate in the process – even by drawing their own maps.

Desert Water Agency is required to adopt a new map before the April 17 deadline. The selected map will be used in November when three division seats (Divisions 1, 2 & 3) are up for election.

For more information and to view maps, go to [www.dwa.org/divisions](http://www.dwa.org/divisions)

## STEP UP AND SAVE WATER FOR EARTH DAY WITH INCENTIVES



If you're thinking about ways you can be more eco-friendly, being water wise should top the list. Water is a precious resource we all need to work together to protect. A lot of energy goes into delivering water so the less water you use, the more energy you save as well.

Desert Water Agency is here to make saving water easy! DWA boosted its

conservation program budget by \$300,000 earlier this year so customers can keep getting money back for water-wise investments.

With lots of attention on the statewide drought, more people are using DWA conservation programs – especially our grass removal and smart irrigation controller programs.

We are excited to increase the funds and have even more customers benefit from our incentives.

Our grass removal program provides \$2 per square foot to replace your grass with water efficient landscaping. You do need to apply before you

remove your grass!

We also have incentives of up to \$250 for weather-based irrigation controllers for homeowners and up to \$10,000 for HOAs and businesses.

Residents can also get up to \$7 per water efficient sprinkler nozzle and up to \$250 towards EnergyStar washing machines.

We are proud to partner with you to save water and to make Palm Springs more sustainable.

For more information on our conservation programs and water saving tips go to [www.dwa.org/save](http://www.dwa.org/save)



## FAQ

### How do I report water waste?

If you see water waste, please report it to DWA. It will help the property owner get it fixed and it could help them avoid a fine. The best way to let us know is to go to [www.dwa.org/report](http://www.dwa.org/report) and fill out a water waste report online. You can also call our office at 760-323-4971 or email [waterwaste@dwa.org](mailto:waterwaste@dwa.org). For emergencies, like hit hydrants or water leaking from the middle of the street, call 760-323-4971 and dial 9.



## EFFICIENT GARDEN LANDS @ AIRPORT



This spring, Palm Springs International Airport welcomes a new feature for visitors and locals alike – a new water wise demonstration garden!

Desert Water Agency partnered with the City of Palm Springs to get \$60,000 in state grant funding to help make this project possible. It is the first step of several planned in making the airport's landscape more desert friendly.

The new garden, formerly grass and thirsty annual flowers, is located centrally west of the departures and arrivals. It features information about the plants and their needs. Stop by and check it out. You can also visit Desert Water Agency's demonstration garden and pollinator garden at our office at 1200 S. Gene Autry Trail.

### GET SOCIAL WITH DWA!

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## MONOPOLY PALM SPRINGS MAKES A SPLASH



The official Monopoly Palm Springs edition was unveiled in March and Desert Water Agency is on the board as the water utility provider.

If you land on DWA you can purchase it for \$150 in Monopoly money.

A variety of other non-profits, local restaurants, retailers and iconic locations are also included on the Palm Springs-centric board game.

If you'd like to try your hand at building a Palm Springs Monopoly empire, you can buy the local edition at the Palm Springs Art Museum or other local retailers.

Good luck!

### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The public is welcome to participate in our board meetings at 8 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month. To see a schedule of all our meetings, please visit our website: [www.dwa.org](http://www.dwa.org)

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