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SCV Water Hosts First Non-Functional Turf Workshop

Businesses and Organizations Received Updates on Applicable State Regulations Taking Effect

Representatives from more than 50 organizations and businesses in the Santa Clarita Valley gathered Thursday, October 15, at the Hyatt Regency Valencia to learn more about California Assembly Bill 1572, the State law governing the watering of non-functional turf. SCV Water, in partnership with the California Water Efficiency Partnership (CalWEP), hosted a free workshop for public agencies, homeowners' associations (HOAs), and commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) properties impacted by AB 1572.

AB 1572 became law on January 1, 2024, and prohibits the use of potable water for the irrigation of non-functional turf – mowed, decorative grass that is not used for human recreation. Non-functional turf is commonly found between sidewalks and streets, in medians and parking lots, in front of businesses and shopping centers, and in decorative areas maintained by schools and HOAs.

State and local government agencies must cease irrigating non-functional turf with potable water by January 1, 2027, followed by CII properties in 2028, and HOA common areas and mobile home parks in 2029. It is important to note that **AB 1572 does not apply to residential customers.**

Workshop attendees heard from SCV Water and CalWEP representatives to understand how AB 1572 will impact their organization and received information on SCV Water's resources and available programs to support compliance and general water use efficiency efforts.

For more information about AB 1572 and how it impacts your organization in Santa Clarita, please visit SCV Water's dedicated Non-Functional Turf webpage at yourSCVwater.com/non-functional-turf.

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About SCV Water:
The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is a full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water provides water service to approximately 75,500 business and residential customers. It was formed on January 1, 2018, when local water suppliers combined into one integrated, regional water provider. More information can be found at yourSCVwater.com.

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