

## Water/Utilities Report

### Water

Drought continues although there may be some relief in the new water year starting on Oct. 1, 2014. The term "**water year**" as used in reports of the U.S. Geological Survey that deal with surface-water supplies is defined **as the 12-month period October 1, for any given year through September 30, of the following year. The water year is designated by the calendar year in which it ends and which includes 9 of the 12 months.** We will soon be ending the 2014 water year. The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) latest prediction for the coming year is one in which an El Nino will occur. Although El Nino years tend to be wet, predictions suggest this will be a weak event and predictions may change.

We need to remember that our water resources in our reservoirs are very low and we still need to conserve. Go to <http://bewaterwise.com> for classes on water conservation, rebates for water-saving appliances, garden classes including designing and planting for water wise yards.

### Utilities

Concern has been raised about a proposed Verizon Wireless project request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for construction and operation of a new wireless telecommunications facility onto an existing Southern California Edison electrical transmission tower (Los Angeles Dept. of Regional Planning, Project Number: R2014-01883-(4)). The location is approximately 340 feet north of Paso Verde and Clementina Dr. located at a plant nursery across from Burton Park. It is located in an area zoned A-1 (Light Agricultural). The project will install nine panel antennas, four raycaps, six RRUs, and one microwave dish on three sectors with an antenna RAD center of 39 feet mounted on a 113 foot, 8 inch transmission tower. A new 256 square foot lease area surrounded by 8 ft. high concrete block walls will be built at the base of the tower and include equipment cabinets and a concrete pad for a future standby diesel generator.

This project will be discussed at the Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and a representative from the Los Angeles Regional Planning Dept. will be in attendance.

A L.A. Co. Dept. of Regional Planning public hearing is scheduled for Sept. 2nd at 1:00 PM at 320 West Temple St., Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012 in order to voice your concerns regarding this project. More information can be obtained by reading the "Notice of Hearing" project information as posted on the nursery fence on the north side of Clementina Dr. between Paso Verde Dr. and Canyon Country Rd.

