

## Water/Utilities Report: June, 2015

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Residents received a notice in the mail indicating the San Gabriel Valley Water Company is proposing to activate Stage 2 of Rule No. 14.1 and Schedule No. 14.1.

A public meeting is being held to solicit your comments prior to implementation:

**Thursday, June 18, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm South El Monte High School  
1001 Durfee Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733**

Stage 1 Water Alert: Currently we are in a Stage 1. 1 alert:

Outdoor irrigation is restricted to the following addresses:

- Watering Days: Even Number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8): Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. All Other Addresses are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
- All outdoor irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day. - Watering duration is limited to 10 minutes of watering per station per day.
- No watering or irrigating of any lawn, landscape, or other vegetated area with potable water during and for 48 hours following measureable precipitation.
- No watering or irrigating of any lawn, landscape or other vegetated area in a manner that causes or allows excessive water flow or runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures.
- No washing vehicles unless using a positive shut-off nozzle on the end of a hose.
- No washing down hard or paved surfaces.
- No use of water in fountains or decorative water features not equipped with a functioning recirculating pump.
- Commercial businesses, including restaurants and other food service providers, can only serve drinking water to customers upon request.
- Hotel/motel operators must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily. Information about this requirement must be prominently displayed.
- Unmetered fire hydrant water cannot be used for any reason other than fire suppression or utility system maintenance purposes.
- Leaks, breaks or other malfunctions in water user's plumbing or distribution system must be repaired within five (5) business days after notification by the utility.
- Use of potable water for dust control or earth compaction, in the utility's sole judgement, cannot be unreasonable or excessive.

At Stage 2 (PROPOSED TO BE ACTIVATED)

At Stage 2, all regulations in effect at Stage 1 continue in effect but the following additional water use restriction requirements apply:

- Only two days of watering are allowed. For those addresses ending in an even number, watering is restricted to Monday and Wed. only. At all other addresses, watering is restricted to Tues. and Thurs.
- Leaks, breaks, or other malfunctions in the water user's plumbing or distribution system must be repaired within seventy-two (72) hours of notification from utility.

Should be elevated to a higher stage (Stage 3 or Stage 4), even more restrictive measures will be implemented and Drought Emergency Surcharges and/or water use violations will be implemented. All monies collected by the utility through Drought Emergency Surcharges and/or Water Use Violation Penalties will be applied to offset drought and conservation costs as directed or authorized by the Commission.

In the event a customer is observed using water for any nonessential or unauthorized use as defined in Stages 1 through 4 of these Rules, the utility will work closely with the customer and local code enforcement and public agencies charged with enforcing the mandatory water use restrictions. **Violation of any of these prohibited or restricted water use activities may be punished by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each day in which the violation occurs.**

Drought Emergency Surcharges will be charged on all usage in excess of 20 Ccf (hundred cubic feet per month). To determine the number of gallons of **water** used during a billing period, simply multiply the number of CCFs (the number is shown on your bill under the Usage column) by 748.

- Stage 1: No Surcharges will be assessed.
- Stage 2: The Drought Emergency Surcharge will equal 100% of the highest tier Quantity Rate on your bill, excluding surcharges and surcredits.

Suburban Water has similar regulations although they are in Stage 1 and have not given indications of increasing to Stage 2 at this time.

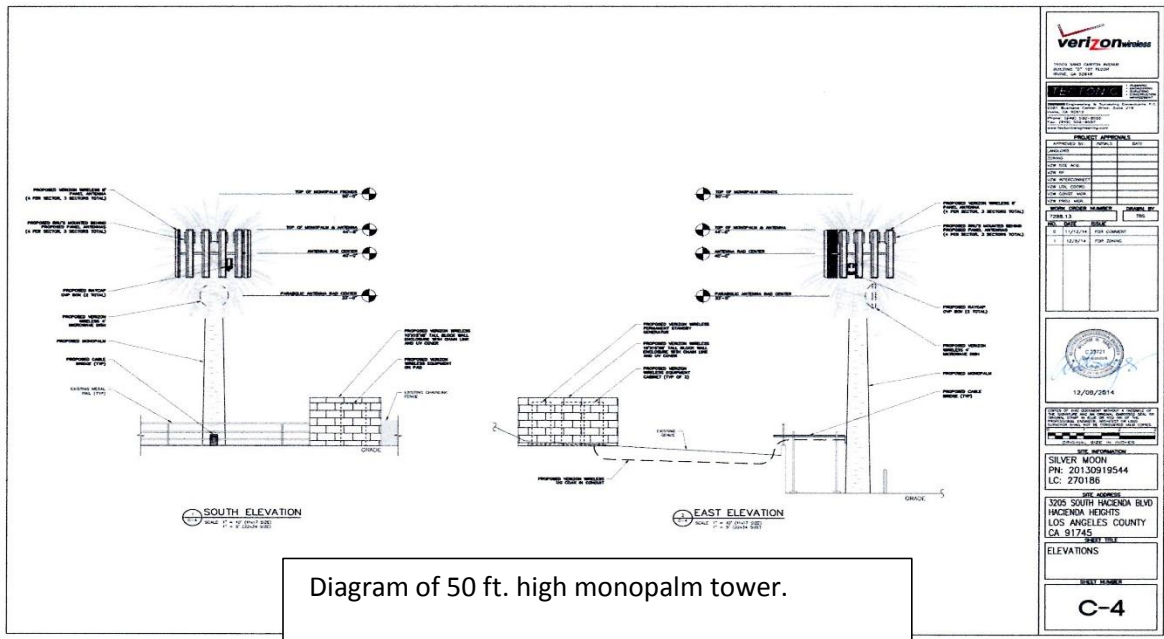
#### Proposed Verizon Cell Tower:

Verizon proposes to construct a 50 ft. high cell tower in the old Ralph's Market complex, adjacent to and on the west side of the Hacienda Animal Hospital south and above the building that includes the Baskin Robbins Ice Cream parlor and the empty Ralph's building.

The request is from Verizon Wireless (VZW) to install a new stealth wireless communication facility at 3205 South Hacienda Boulevard, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. A Conditional Use Permit application for the project was submitted to Los Angeles County for review on January 21, 2015. The application requested zoning approval of a new stealth mono-palm wireless telecommunication facility 50' feet in height. The zoning district limits structure height to a maximum of 35' above grade. The proposed wireless facility would be 15' higher than what is allowed in the zoning district. Subsequent to review of the application and at the request of Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, a detailed justification analysis was prepared which identified deficiencies in current wireless coverage within the community of Hacienda Heights and specifies why a 50' high facility is needed to meet coverage objectives. The case planner indicated that given the facts presented, review and a recommendation for approval of

the project by the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association would be necessary as a step in the Conditional Use Permit process.

Streets south of the project include Windrush, Woodcreek Cir. and Cold Plains Drive.



Aerial view of project site. Red arrow indicates location. This project will be described at the

## Clean Tech Hazardous Waste Site—Irwindale, CA

A letter is being prepared to be submitted to the City of Irwindale and local water agencies opposing the CleanTech Hazardous Waste facility. This project was described in the Water/Utilities Report for May, 2015. Currently Baldwin Park is also considering opposition to the project. There is a coalition of groups, including local residents, environmental, consumer watchdog and social justice groups opposing the plan.

## Quemetco Battery Recycling Plant Town Hall meeting scheduled

There has been concern over many years about lead and arsenic contamination of the area surrounding the Quemetco West plant, a battery reprocessing plant at 720 S. 5<sup>th</sup> street in the City of Industry. Officials with the air district have ordered the company to perform a health risk study of its operations after a source test in November showed elevated arsenic emissions at the Exide Battery processing plant in Vernon. Quemetco is one of two battery recyclers west of the Rocky Mountains. Lead and also arsenic, both associated with battery reprocessing, are considered a health hazard. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the EPA have determined that lead and lead compounds are reasonably anticipated to be human carcinogens based on limited evidence from studies in humans and sufficient evidence from animal studies.

**A town hall meeting will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup> by the CA Department of Toxic Substances Control, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and the South Coast Air quality Management District.**



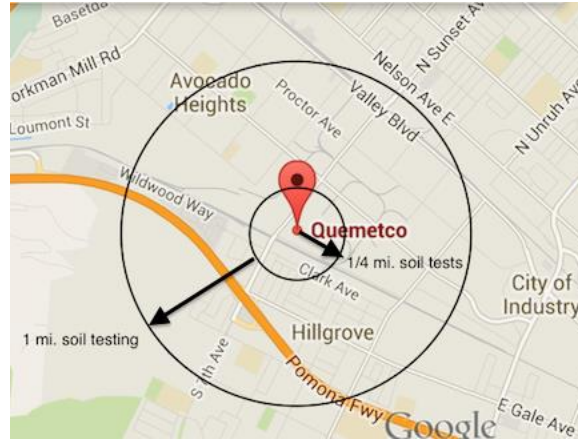
# TOWN HALL MEETING

**TUESDAY,  
JULY 7, 2015**

**Time:**

**WALLEN ANDREWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
1010 S. CARAWAY DRIVE, WHITTIER, CA**

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YOUR POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES

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June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.