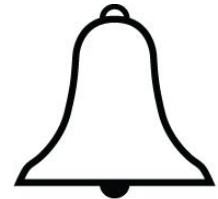




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## **Celebrate Water Awareness Day with SMWD**

*Become water-wise during the annual event, held at the District offices at 26111 Antonio Parkway on Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

**Rancho Santa Margarita, CA – (April 18, 2014)** SMWD will celebrate Water Awareness Month on Saturday, May 3 by hosting its annual family-friendly Water Awareness Day event. This year the water district is also celebrating its 50 year anniversary in south Orange County. Enjoy a day filled with fun and learning at the District's office, near the corner of Antonio and Oso parkways.

Given the severe drought conditions that exist, it is more important than ever to use water wisely and protect our water resources. In addition to learning about the District's facilities and operations, residents will learn about the importance of water use efficiency through a variety of crafts, games and presentations.

Come see first-hand how SMWD has delivered safe, clean and affordable water to you for the past 50 years! Tours of the Upper Chiquita Reservoir will be offered during the event beginning at 10:00 a.m. Completed in October 2011, it is the largest domestic water reservoir built in south Orange County in nearly 45 years. The reservoir is a part of the District's ongoing commitment to enhance local water supply reliability. Tour seating is limited and community members are encouraged to arrive early. Tour participants must wear closed-toe shoes.

Children will enjoy a host of fun activities including a hands-on mobile tide pool exhibit, native flower pot planting, face painting and the always popular scavenger hunt with a chance to win a "Fun in the Sun" water conservation gift basket.

Free hot dogs, popcorn, soda and snow cones will be served throughout the event, so bring the family and make a day of it!

To learn more about Water Awareness Day, visit [www.smwd.com](http://www.smwd.com).

### **About Santa Margarita Water District**

Santa Margarita Water District is the second largest retail water agency in Orange County providing water and wastewater treatment services to more than 155,000 customers in Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, Coto de Caza, Las Flores, Ladera Ranch and Talega.

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