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Please take a moment and provide us with telephone number(s) where you can be reached in case of an emergency. Having updated information allows us to contact you quicker during a situation that affects your water supply. You can update your emergency contact number(s) by calling Customer Service at (760) 597-3120 or by e-mailing [info@vidwater.org](mailto:info@vidwater.org). When providing updated telephone number(s) via e-mail, please include your name and address or account number. Feel free to give us your work, home and cell phone numbers. Thank you for helping us keep you informed.

## 2021 Water Quality Report Available On-line

Each year, Vista Irrigation District (District) produces a Consumer Confidence Report, also known as the water quality report, which provides a snapshot of the quality of water the District delivered to homes and businesses. The report features information about your water, such as where it comes from, what it contains and how it compares to federal and state standards. You can read the 2021 Consumer Confidence Report on line at [www.vidwater.org/water-quality](http://www.vidwater.org/water-quality) or call us at (760) 597-3100 and request a copy be mailed to you.



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Board meetings are generally held the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the District's office located at 1391 Engineer Street in Vista.

Vista Irrigation District is a public agency, proudly serving the City of Vista and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside and San Diego County.

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# Reflections

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## San Diego County is Drought Safe

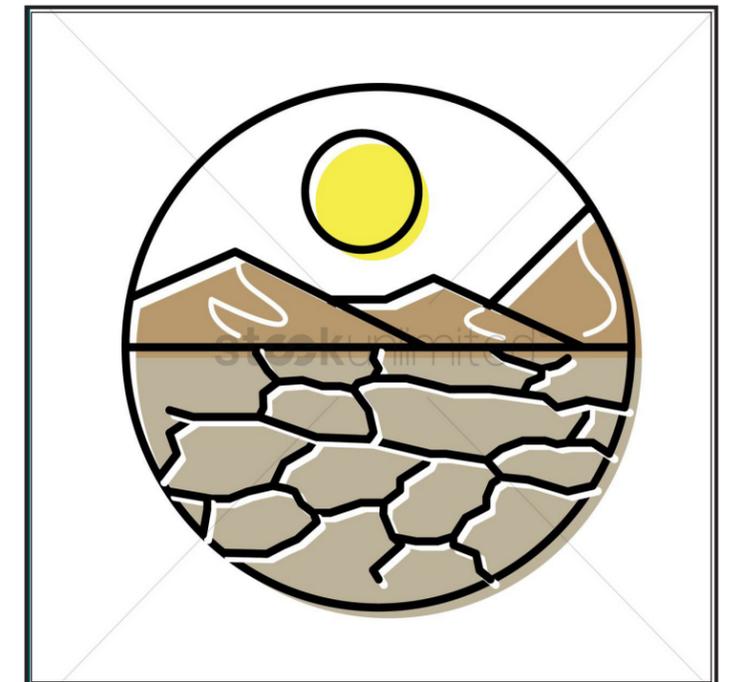
Thanks to years of prudent planning and investments in local water supply, San Diego County is well-prepared to withstand the current drought. The majority of California is back in drought and while many parts of the state are already beginning to feel the effects, the investments in water supply planning by the San Diego region, including Vista Irrigation District (District) are paying off. According to the regional water wholesaler, the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority), no shortages or regional water-use mandates are in the forecast as a result of three decades of strategic investments that create an aquatic safety net for San Diego County.

District customers are no strangers to drought and have risen to past calls for water conservation. Through several droughts over the past two decades, District customers have reduced per-capita water use by over 60 gallons per person per day. Overall, the Water Authority reports that San Diego County residents have conserved more than 1 million acre-feet of water over the past three decades (an acre-foot is approximately 325,900 gallons, enough to supply two single-family households of four for a year).

In response to previous droughts, the District established a Water Supply Response Plan (WSRP), which was recently updated to include six water shortage response levels ([www.vidwater.org/water-supply-response-program](http://www.vidwater.org/water-supply-response-program)). The WSRP is part of the District's overall strategic planning to prepare for and respond to water shortages. Additionally, the District offers regional education, resources and rebate programs for both residential and commercial properties, such as turf replacement, WaterSmart landscape workshops, WaterSmart device rebates and free WaterSmart checkups.

The District remains at Level 1 of the WSRP and encourages our customers to continue using water resources efficiently at all times, including shorter showers and promptly repairing leaks. For more information on how you can be more water efficient and take advantage of rebate programs, head over to the District's website at [www.vidwater.org/water-conservation](http://www.vidwater.org/water-conservation).

Maintaining a safe and reliable water supply is our number one priority. The investments by the District in infrastructure, prudent planning and proactive District operations coupled with the Water Authority's strategic planning and regional investments have well positioned the District to get through the current drought.



To learn more about regional investments in local water supply reliability visit [www.sdcwa.org/investments-protect-san-diego-region-from-drought/](http://www.sdcwa.org/investments-protect-san-diego-region-from-drought/)

# District Customers Transform Their Landscapes



Congratulations to Vista Irrigation District (District) Landscape Contest winner, Lauren Grey! For the past nine years, the District has joined other San Diego County water agencies to hold the WaterSmart landscape contest with the goal of providing inspiration for other homeowners to transition to WaterSmart landscapes. These customers' eye-catching makeovers show how varied and attractive water wise landscapes can be.

Lauren Grey won the "Best in District" award. What started out as a project to halt the rush of soil down a steep front slope, turned into a multihued garden with a view from the top; Ms. Grey decided to renovate her front slope and landscape by installing retaining walls surrounded by beds of colorful blooms. She lined the staircase that zigzags through the hillside with a variety of potted succulents; bright orange Poppies, lush green Jade, silvery Ghost Plants and Purple Heart Tradescantia dot the slope. The result is an explosion of color. "What fun to have a beautiful garden and a sweet place to sit and contemplate it all!" said Ms. Grey.

The District also recognized Deborah Brandt and Dorothy Wagemester with honorable mentions. The Wagemesters wanted to conserve water yet create an inviting haven on their property so they replaced their lawn with a meandering hardscape pathway lined with a vibrant palette of drought tolerant choices such as Bougainville, Trailing Buttercups, Sea Lavender and



Lauren Grey's WaterSmart landscape.



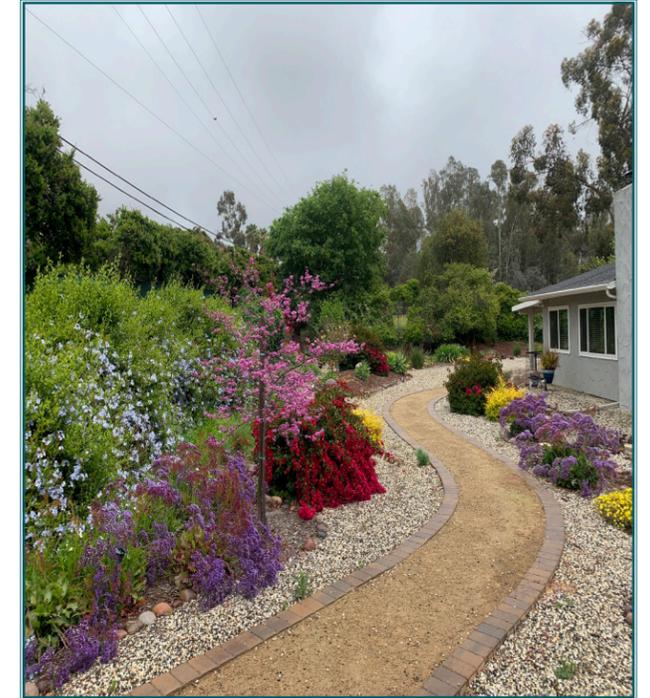
Lauren Grey's front yard before the makeover.

# Transformed Landscapes (Continued)

Cape Plumago. The magenta blooms of an Eastern Redbud tree pop against the rich hues of the Foxtail Agaves and Kaleidoscope Abelia. "While spring is our favorite season, we now have color all year long," Mrs. Wagemester exclaimed.

Deborah Brandt wanted to transform her plain backyard into a magical place. Ms. Brandt started with river rock and began adding cactus and succulents of all shapes and sizes, such as Yuccas and Century Plants, as well as hummingbird favorites like Crocosmias. Over time, she mixed in yard art and chimes to create little surprises sprinkled throughout. Ms. Brandt also installed drip irrigation and two rain barrel water collection systems to reduce her water use. Ms. Brandt "gave away the lawnmower" after she transformed her backyard into a low maintenance, WaterSmart paradise where flowers bloom year round.

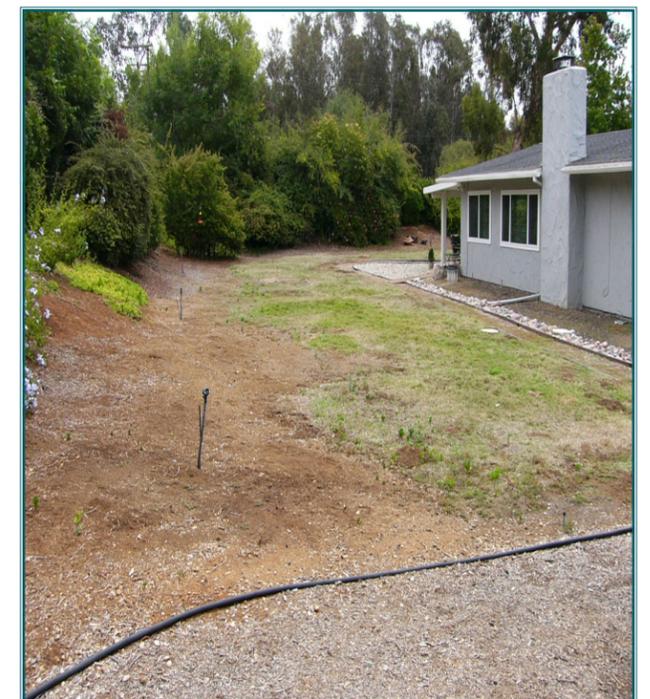
Transitioning to a WaterSmart landscape has many benefits, especially living in an area prone to drought. As the majority of water use in the region is for outdoor irrigation, these winning landscapes provide other homeowners great ideas for reducing their own water use. For more information about the contest and WaterSmart landscaping ideas, visit [www.landscapecontest.com](http://www.landscapecontest.com). Visit the District's web site ([www.vidwater.org/water-conservation](http://www.vidwater.org/water-conservation)) for information about the free WaterSmart Landscape Makeover Program, residential rebates and other conservation resources.



The Wagemester's s transformed landscape.



Deborah Brandt's water wise garden.



The Wagemester's back yard before the makeover.