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# Water Ways

## California's Water Conservation Plan

On November 10, 2009 Former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a legislative package known as SBX7 7. The comprehensive legislative package included plans for improving the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The Governor wrote "Conservation is one of the key ways to provide water for Californians and protect and improve the Delta eco system."

The legislative package calls for a statewide 20% reduction in per capita water use by the year 2020.

With the implementation of SBX7 7, Carmichael Water District (District) is faced with several challenges in order to comply with the legislative water use reductions. Some of the Districts struggles include:

- Plan, organize and execute comprehensive water saving incentives.
- Apply and enforce restrictions on outdoor water use.
- Increased operational costs due to state imposed and weather related reductions.
- Compliance is required to maintain eligibility for State grants and loans.

What does this mean to customers of the District?

- Customers are asked to participate in voluntary conservation programs such as Water Audits and Irrigation Check-Ups.
- Compliance with the District's water conservation program.
- Implementation of stricter reductions on outdoor water use.
- In order to finance certain aspects of the legislative package customers may be faced with an increase in the consumptive charge on water use, fines for water waste, and or surcharges.

Regardless of current rainfall and snowpack conditions, water shortages in California are not a possibility but rather a historical fact. Residents of Carmichael need to be aware of State administrative and legislative actions that will affect the way we use this precious natural resource. For further information or to learn about our water conservation incentive programs please visit our website at [www.carmichaelwd.org](http://www.carmichaelwd.org) or call us at (916) 483-2452.

### Did You Know?

On average Carmichael Water District customers pay one tenth of a cent for one gallon of tap water. Compared to the cost of other items (\*) we use daily the value of tap water is clearly incredible.



- One Gallon of Tap Water = \$0.001
- One Gallon of Milk = \$2.49
- One Gallon of Coffee = \$16.00
- One Gallon of Gasoline = \$3.06
- One Gallon of Bottled Water = \$11.35

\* Prices based on California averages.

# 2011 Berry Quality of Life Youth Leadership Scholarship

Carmichael Water District is proud to announce that applications are now being accepted through **July 15, 2011** for the 2011 Berry Quality of Life Youth Leadership Scholarship.

## About the Scholarship

Established in 2011 to honor Bill & Peggy Berry's long history of volunteer work within the community of Carmichael, The Berry Quality of Life Youth Leadership Scholarship identifies, rewards and promotes outstanding community service efforts and demonstrations of leadership by a high school or post secondary school student.

### The following criteria will be used to evaluate and judge applications:

- Proven Track Record of Volunteering within the Carmichael Community.
- Type of Service Rendered: Has the applicant actively participated in a role or in support of several events or programs?
- Length of Service: How long has the applicant been actively involved with an event or program? If this is the first year, what exemplified his or her volunteer service?
- Level of Commitment: How much time, hands-on effort, or emotional investment has the applicant committed to the event(s) or program(s)?
- Impact on the Carmichael Community: In what way is it evident that the volunteer has made lasting improvements or has affected positive change? Who has benefited and how?
- Obstacles, Challenges Applicant Overcame: What personal or academic challenges or obstacles did the nominee overcome to achieve his or her volunteer goals?

## Eligibility

One \$500 scholarship is available to a student attending a public or independent school located in Carmichael, CA, and/or who resides within the Carmichael Water District Service Area who is currently enrolled in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade or is currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution and:

- Has completed a minimum of 260 hours of community service activities.
- Student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Pending acceptance or enrollment confirmation to a post-secondary institution (required for receipt of scholarship).
- Immediate relatives of Carmichael Water District staff or its Board of Directors are not eligible.

For more information on the application process, deadlines, and selection please visit the District's website at [www.carmichaelwd.org](http://www.carmichaelwd.org) or call our office at (916) 483-2452.