Zone 7 is urging water customers to do their part in addressing an environmental crisis in the Delta by cutting back on water use where feasible—despite recent rains and snows—to save our groundwater reserves for use during emergencies. But water conservation alone, even with the measures Zone 7 is pursuing locally to enhance water supply, distribution and storage, will not provide for adequate, long-term water reliability if court-ordered supply reductions in Delta pumping become permanent. A federal judge reduced pumping for 2008 while state and federal agencies work on a long-term plan to protect the Delta’s ecology.

Zone 7, the water wholesaler for Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and Dougherty Valley, typically gets about 80 percent of its water supplies conveyed through the Delta. In normal rainfall years, we store our surplus supplies in local and out-of-area groundwater basins for use during droughts. We are among East and South Bay water agencies that get water from the same pumps that serve Southern California and farmers in the Central Valley. In other words, when it comes to our water supply, we are part of the Southern California system.

Further study of options for transporting water supplies now sent through the ecologically fragile Delta is called for. One possibility is a new “dual-conveyance” system for delivery of State Water Project water from the Sierras, combining strengthened levees with a second conveyance facility that is physically separate from the Delta itself. This could provide the operational flexibility needed to accommodate the needs of fish in the Delta as well as the water-supply needs of the state. Some other parts of the Bay Area, including San Francisco and areas served by the East Bay Municipal Utility District, are already served by water that comes directly from the Sierras via isolated conveyances without mixing with the Delta.

For more information, check out our web site, www.zone7water.com.

– Jill Duerig
Zone 7 General Manager
New In the Zone

Earth Day, April 19
Zone 7 and the City of Pleasanton will cosponsor an Earth Day event at the Saturday morning Farmers’ Market at Main and West Angela streets. We will also have a table at Livermore’s Earth Day celebration at Robert Livermore Community Center, to run until around 2 p.m. Featured at both of our booths will be fun pollution-prevention and water-conservation activities for kids and adults. Come see us!

Celebrate Dublin Pride Week with a Trail Walk and Water Wise Gardening Workshop!
April 26 & May 3
Saturday, April 26, we will help out in a nature walk along Tassajara Creek by providing information about our StreamWISE flood-protection program and the role the Valley arroyos play in recharging our local groundwater basin. Come to a Water Wise Gardening Workshop on Saturday, May 3, 1 p.m. at Armstrong Garden Center on San Ramon Road. Learn all you need to about native landscaping – you’ll save water and $$$!!

Livermore Wine Country Festival, May 3 & 4
Zone 7 & the California Water Service Company will provide fun information and activities for adults and kids at the 17th annual wine country festival, to be held in downtown Livermore.

Save Water! Save $$$! - Rebates Available for High-Efficiency Toilets!
What the Heck is a High-Efficiency Toilet?
High-efficiency toilets (HETs) use at least 20 percent less water than standard 1.6 gallons-per-flush Ultra-Low Flow Toilets. There are three basic types of HETs: gravity-flush toilets, pressure-assist toilets and dual-flush toilets. For more details, and for information on the rebate program, contact your local toilet outlet or email us at conservewater@zone7water.com. Rebates also are available for high-efficiency clothes washers.

Kid’s Zone

1. Water has no ________, no smell, and no color.
   (taste)
2. Without water, we could not __________.
   (survive)
3. Water is the only natural thing that exists in three forms ________, ________, and ________.
   (liquid, solid, gas)
4. The ________ on water on Earth never changes.
   (amount)
5. Scientists figure that about three-fourths of our planet is ________ by water.
   (covered)
6. Each day, the sun ________ 1,000,000,000,000 (one trillion) tons of water!
   (evaporates)
7. The best way to deal with a water shortage is to ________ water.
   (conserve)