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Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Offers Free Water Management Classes to Landscape Professionals

CALABASAS, CA November 23, 2009 –Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) has announced it will host a series of landscape water management classes for property management personnel in January. The four-hour classes will be held on four consecutive Wednesday evenings, January 6, 13, 20 and 27 at LVMWD headquarters, 4232 Las Virgenes Rd. in Calabasas.

Pre-registration is required, as the class size is limited to 30 participants. Interested parties should call 818-251-2200. A complimentary light dinner will be provided to participants.

"This is an excellent opportunity for landscape firms, property management companies and maintenance firms who provide services for our customers to learn the skills needed to maintain attractive landscapes, while saving water and money for their clients," said John R. Mundy, LVMWD General Manager. "Water supplies will remain constrained for the foreseeable future. Smart property managers will demand their maintenance firms be familiar with the latest water conservation practices and technologies."

LVMWD customers are urged to share information about the classes with their landscape service providers.

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The class series includes units on Irrigation Principles, Adjustments and Repair, Irrigation System Troubleshooting, Controller Programming and Irrigation Scheduling.

A study conducted in the LVMWD service area revealed that some 70 percent of the water delivered by the District is used outdoors. In some individual cases that percentage is even higher. "As we prepare for the possibility of a fourth dry year in Southern California, managing the largest single use of water is the most logical action a smart property manager can take," Mr. Mundy said. "Landscape professionals will hopefully take this opportunity during the slower winter months to improve their skills at no cost to themselves."

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District provides potable water, wastewater services, recycled water and biosolids composting for more than 65,000 residents in the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Westlake Village, and Hidden Hills, as well as unincorporated portions of western Los Angeles County.

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