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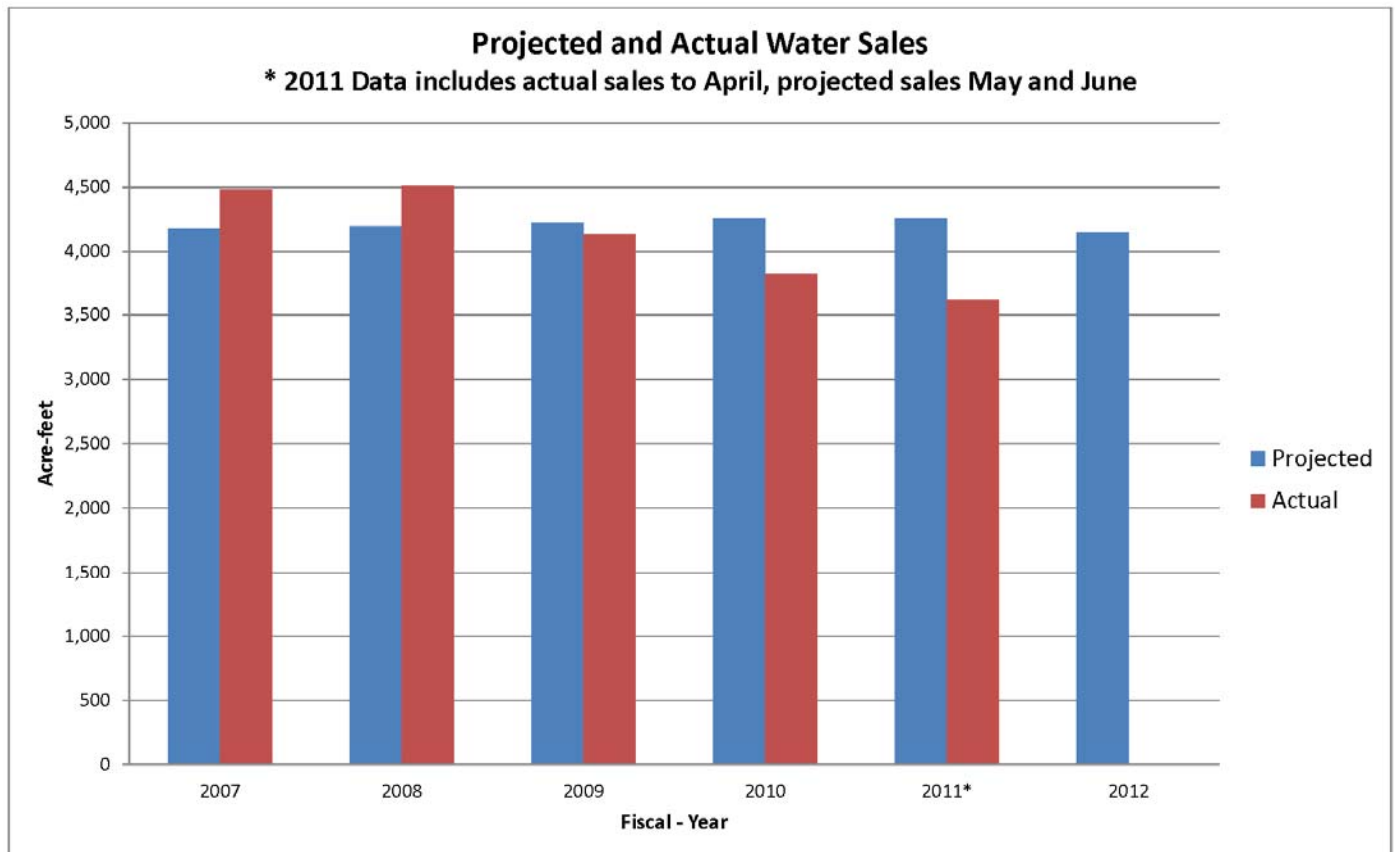
Carpinteria Valley Water District

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Declining Water Sales Pressures Water Rates

This year a rainier season has filled Lake Cachuma to capacity and beyond, allowing water to be spilled from Bradbury Dam. The District, in turn, has received some of the surplus water that would have spilled this year, without it being counted against the District's annual entitlement or affecting its annual payment to the Bureau of Reclamation. Good news, right? Well, "yes," and "no." "Yes" that we have an abundant water supply, but "no" if water sales are permanently trending down. The dilemma: if you determine that you must still collect about the same amount of revenue to operate the District, but declining water sales won't create the needed revenue, you must consider increasing water rates! Faced with this trending decline in water sales, the Board decided this year to go with a lower estimate of 4,150 acre feet of water sales for the coming fiscal year, instead of the 4,254 acre feet built into the current fiscal year Budget. And this is causing upward pressure on the proposed water rates this year. Each 100 acre feet of reduced water sales equates to a decline of about \$150,000 of revenue.

The graph, below, illustrates the District's recent decline in water sales. Some of this decline is understood to be related to conservation efforts, but much of it appears to be weather related.



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25 Years of Service



Customer Service Clerk III , Patty Rodriguez, recently celebrated 25 years of service with the District. Over the years, Patty has seen many changes at the District including it's main office location. When Patty started with the CVWD, it was known as Carpinteria County Water District, was located on Seventh Street, bills were sent out in a post card format every two months with half the District read one month and the other half the next month, and there was only one computer in the front office!

Congratulations Patty!

H2O, Where Did You Go?

On April 23, CVWD in conjunction with the Santa Barbara County Water Agency sponsored "H2O, Where Did You Go?" a musical performance focusing on the importance of taking care of our water resources and conserving water. The show, performed by Shows That Teach, was held at the Carpinteria Play House which provided an outstanding venue for the performance attended by approximately 150 students from Carpinteria's Girls Inc., Boys and Girls Club and the Aliso School After School Care Program. A sincere thank you to Girls Inc.'s Jaci Browdy, After School Enrichment Director and Asa Olsson, Consultant to Girls Inc., for co-ordinating, promoting and inviting students to the engaging event.



Board of Directors Meetings

Regular Board meetings may be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm at Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Avenue. The Board may also hold regular Board meetings other Wednesdays of the month at 5:30 pm at the District Offices at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue.

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