

# the PIPELINE

PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT



## First PWD 5K at Lake Palmdale Draws Hundreds of Participants

Lake Palmdale was enjoyed by more than 300 people during Palmdale Water District's first annual H2GO 5K Run/Walk on June 13, 2026, when race participants had the opportunity to take a loop around the lake at their own speed.

The 3.1-mile race was won by Stephen Pacheco, 27, of Palmdale, who clocked in at 17:01 after crossing the finish line with a backflip. The fifth overall finisher was Shannon Hurst, 26, of Valencia, who was the first female to complete the race. Her time was 20:58. A total of 275 people received a custom finisher's medal.

U.S. Congressman George Whitesides, who took part in the 5K with his family, was the race starter. He did the countdown and shouted "blastoff" before sounding the horn. ABC7 Eyewitness News Reporter Leo Stallworth assisted with emceeing and joined the Congressman with the awards presentation.

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Runners line up to start the race.

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### Calendar:

#### Board Meetings

Mondays @ 6 p.m.  
 July 13 & 27  
 August 10  
 PWD Board Room  
 2029 E. Avenue Q, Palmdale

#### Event

#### Customer Appreciation Day

Wednesday, July 22  
 @ 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
 PWD Lobby  
 2029 E. Avenue Q, Palmdale




Aerial photo shows a portion of the H2GO 5K race route.



Race winner Stephen Pacheco poses with Leo Stallworth and Congressman George Whitesides.



Kids cheer on their dad from the sidelines.

JOIN US FOR   
**CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY!**

Join us for a special event dedicated to thanking our customers for their continued trust and partnership. Enjoy light \*refreshments, \*giveaways, Aqua Dog, and the opportunity to learn about future projects from staff!

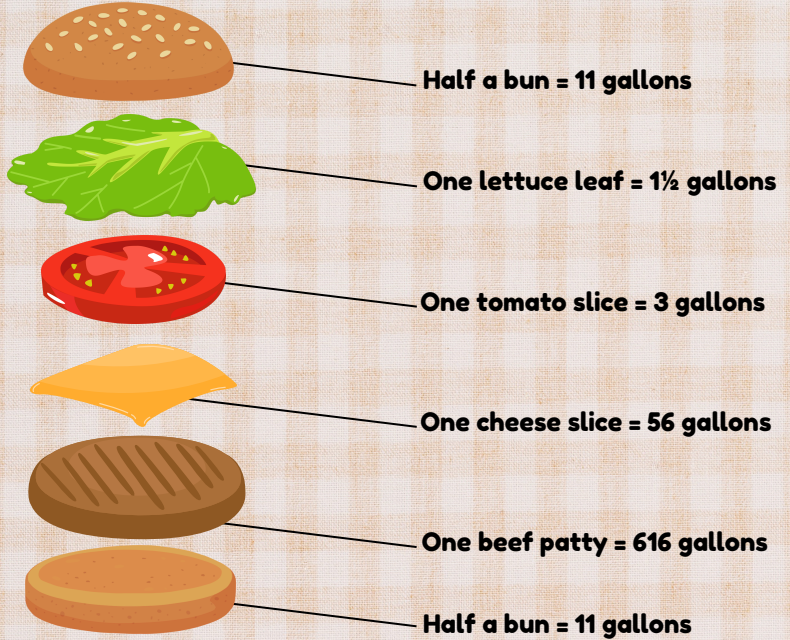


**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026**  
**10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.**  
**2029 E. AVENUE Q, PALMDALE**

*\*while supplies last*

## Did You Know?

One cheeseburger uses about 698½ gallons of water to make!



Aerial view captures hundreds of H2GO 5K participants as they start the race.

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"Our community's participation and support surpassed our expectations," said PWD General Manager Dennis D. LaMoreaux. "It was wonderful to see so many people running, walking and getting the chance to experience the peaceful lake in the middle of Palmdale on an early Saturday morning. We're looking forward to hosting it again."

Lake Palmdale, which PWD leases to the Palmdale Fin and Feather Club, is normally only open to club members. The 5K gave many people the chance to see where PWD stores its water supply from the State Water Project and the Littlerock Dam before it is moved to the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant prior to distribution to customers.

The event featured booths from PWD, Bruin Geotechnical Services, city of Palmdale, L.A. County Sanitation Districts and Antelope Valley Press. Food and drink vendors included Bubbly Besties, Tacos El Roley, Ms. Lailais Pancakes, Sweet Kiss Cafe and Fresh Breads & Bakes by Mila Bakery.

PWD is grateful to the 29 generous sponsors who helped make the event possible. Net proceeds will expand the PWD Rate Assistance Program to help more qualified customers.

Thank you to our sponsors:



AMR, AV Harley-Davidson, Antelope Valley Medical Center, Bodewell Group, California CLASS, Enterprise Mobility, Environmental Science Associates, Five Star Bank, Municipal Finance Corp., Palmdale Fin and Feather Club, U.S. Congressman George Whitesides and W.M. Lyles Co.



# Golden Mussels at Lake Palmdale Under Control



One year after golden mussel veligers were discovered in Lake Palmdale, PWD has prevented them from developing into adult mussels that could damage its infrastructure.

PWD has been adding Earthtec OZ, a molluscicide, to the water from the California Aqueduct before it enters the lake, and this has prevented the veligers' growth into adults and their reproduction. The copper contained in the Earthtec OZ is effectively attacking the larval stage of the mollusks, said PWD Operations Manager Joe Marcinko.

"We routinely check the lake and have not seen one adult," Marcinko said. "We are very happy with the results of the Earthtec OZ treatment."

The golden mussels were first discovered in October 2024 in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and have been moving south through the waterways of the California Aqueduct. The Delta is the heart of the California State Water Project, which moves water from the north to the south via the 444-mile aqueduct. The golden mussels reached Palmdale last summer and were recently detected as far south as San Diego County.

Once veligers were detected in Lake Palmdale, staff built a dosing station inside PWD's building near the inlet of Lake Palmdale that regulates the flow of water from the aqueduct to the lake. An infestation of the mollusk would clog pipes, damage pumps and potentially shut down the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant.

"Anytime we are adding State Water Project water to the lake and the water temperature is over 60 degrees, we're adding Earthtec OZ to that flow," Marcinko said. "This is the same compound we use to control algae in the water during the summer as the copper also acts as an algacide. Customers should not be concerned because it's a very low dose, and the copper is removed as a solid during our water treatment process."

The monitoring and Earthtec OZ dosing will continue until there is no longer detection of golden mussel veligers in the water coming from the California Aqueduct.

## PWD Consumer Confidence Report (2025 Results) Available Now!

***This notice contains instructions for you to obtain important information about your drinking water.***

Palmdale Water District provides the Consumer Confidence Report to inform customers about the quality of our water. We are proud to report that our water met or surpassed all federal and state drinking water standards in 2025.

You can download the report using the link provided below or you can have a printed copy of the report mailed to you by calling PWD at 661-947-4111.

[www.palmdalewater.org/ccr](http://www.palmdalewater.org/ccr)



Attention landlords, businesses, schools, and other groups, please share this information with tenants, students, and other water users at your location who are not directly billed customers of Palmdale Water District.

## Suggested Summer Watering Schedule

For optimal watering efficiency, irrigate your landscape three or four times per week for approximately five minutes per session. To reduce water loss from evaporation, schedule watering before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.



## Congratulations to the 2026 Water Ambassadors!

The next Water Ambassadors Academy will be held in April 2027. We look forward to welcoming the next class of water champions! Stay tuned for registration details.

### CONTACT US!

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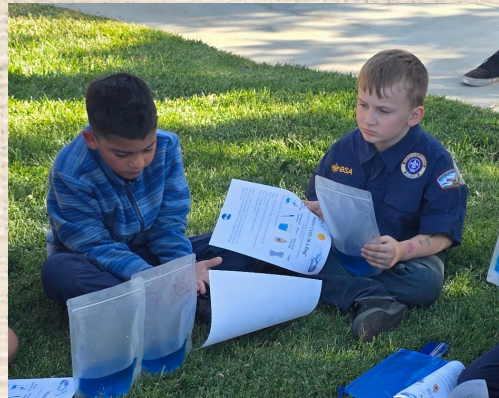
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### PWD Brings Water Conservation Education to Local Scouts

PWD's Water-Use Efficiency team recently conducted its first presentation for Scout Pack #1130, reaching 16 scouts and seven leaders with hands-on water conservation education.

During the session, scouts learned about PWD's water sources, ways to help prevent water pollution, and participated in an interactive water cycle experiment while earning their Champions of Nature badge.



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