

# The Valley District

## Weather-Based Irrigation Controller Program

**Program Overview:** The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District) will pay 50% of the cost to install a weather station(s) and weather-based irrigation controller(s). Rebates are available on a first come, first served basis.

**Who can apply?** This program is available to commercial, industrial and institutional water users who consume 1,500 ccf or more water annually.

### How do I get started?

1. Contact Valley District to discuss this program and the needs of your site(s): 909-387-9229
2. Valley District's consultant, Valley Soil, Inc., will visit your site to conduct an initial assessment.
3. If you approve of the cost estimate provided by Valley Soil, Valley District will prepare a contract for the recommended work to be done. The contract is signed between you and Valley District.
4. Valley District will pay 50% of the cost for the installation of the weather station(s) and the weather-based irrigation controller(s).
5. You pay 50% of your share of the cost before work begins; the balance is due once the work is complete.
6. Valley Soil will install the controller(s) and provide support for one (1) year.

7. Valley District will collect the data\* made available through your controller and use it for statistical and tracking purposes.

\*This data may be made available to interested parties.

8. Valley District will cover the cost to maintain the weather stations.

### How much does the Program cost?

The site visit and assessment by Valley Soil are free. The customer is responsible for 50% of the cost of retrofitting the devices recommended by Valley Soil, once you sign the contract. This cost will depend on the number of sites being retrofitted, the type of devices being installed and other details. The payback period for the program is estimated to be 1-2 years.

### Is there a monthly fee for weather data?

No, there is no monthly fee for the weather data that your new smart system will use. Valley District maintains six weather stations throughout our 353 square mile service area which provide climate data for no monthly fee.

### For more information, contact:

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