



SAN GABRIEL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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CONTINUED CONSERVATION Is a California way of life

After the record-setting drought that ended in 2017, most of us think differently about where our water comes from and how we use it. We can no longer assume there is an unlimited water supply, knowing that the California climate guarantees another drought in our future.

That's why SGCWD remains in Conservation Stage 1, which calls for a 15 percent to 20 percent reduction in water use by our customers. Using water as efficiently as possible will allow the District to reduce pumping from groundwater basins and ensure a healthy water supply now and in the future.

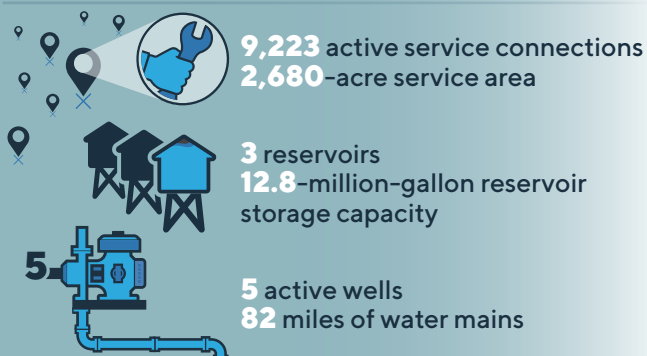
Here are some reminders about water use under Conservation Stage 1:

- ☑ Outdoor irrigation is limited to two days per week, between 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.; addresses ending in an even number can water on Mondays and Thursdays, odd numbers on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- ☑ Irrigation runoff is prohibited
- ☑ No watering during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall
- ☑ Public street medians cannot be irrigated with potable water
- ☑ Water is served in restaurants only on request
- ☑ Hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of not having towels and linens laundered daily
- ☑ No filling, draining or refilling pools or fountains (except for makeup water due to evaporation)
- ☑ Decorative fountains, ponds and lakes must use a recirculating water system
- ☑ All leaks must be repaired within 72 hours' notice from the District
- ☑ No washing down sidewalks, walkways, buildings, walls, patios, driveways, parking areas or other surfaces
- ☑ A hand-held nozzle with a shut-off valve must be used when washing a vehicle at home

THE WATER QUALITY REPORT IS COMING!

San Gabriel County Water District's annual report about the quality of your drinking water is coming soon. The Water Quality Report, also known as a Consumer Confidence Report, will be available by July 1 to review online or in person at our office. The report details how we are meeting health and safety regulations set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and State Water Resources Control Board. SGCWD delivers quality drinking water that meets or exceeds all standards. As required by law, we perform hundreds of tests throughout the year to monitor for bacteria and various contaminants and report the results to our customers.

About the District



The District is fortunate to have water rights in the Main San Gabriel and Raymond groundwater basins, which supply 100 percent of our water. After pumping, this local source is disinfected with chlorine and delivered to about 45,000 people through a distribution network of underground pipes.

The responsible management of our supply, which includes water quality testing, ensures long-term sustainability of this most important resource. So when you turn on your tap, you know you will be getting the highest-quality water, **when you need it.**



The mission of San Gabriel County Water District is to provide high quality water for residential, commercial and industrial uses that meets or exceeds all local, state and federal standards and to provide customer service at the most reasonable cost to our customers.

THE BASINS CAPITALIZE ON STORM RUNOFF

To Boost Local Water Supply

Responsibly managing resources is a critical component of maintaining a sustainable water supply. One of the ways Los Angeles County Flood Control District ensures reliability is by using storm water runoff from the San Gabriel Mountains and surrounding communities, which drains into the San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo watersheds.

These watersheds span more than 640 miles across the San Gabriel Valley and capture an average of 65 billion gallons of water per year.

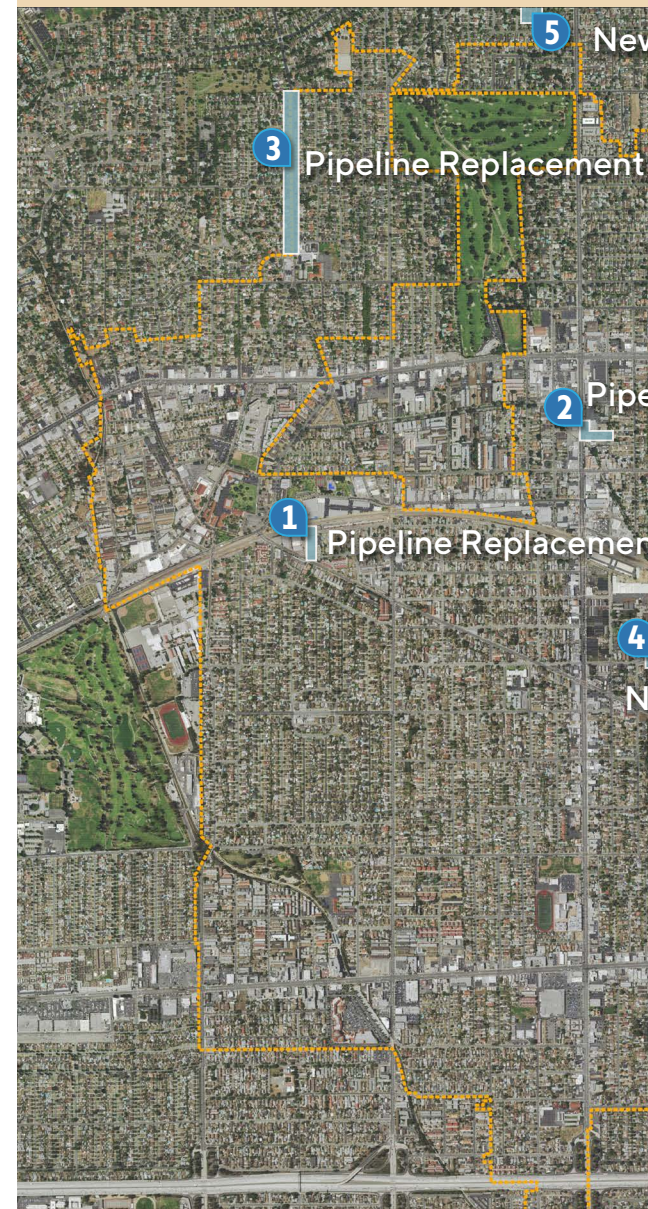
At one time, communities across Southern California directed runoff into concrete channels and whisked it away to the ocean to avoid flooding. But with drought and the uncertainties brought by climate change, water providers have realized the value of this water for refilling, or recharging, natural, underground basins that make up the local water supply.

With 11 dams, 21 spreading basins and 175 miles of open channels operated and maintained by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, almost all of the rainfall is now captured and allowed to percolate through the soil to recharge the basin.

Since last October 1, the County has captured 9 billion gallons of stormwater – **enough to sustain 220,000 residents for an entire year!**

Stormwater capture programs are especially beneficial in Southern California, where the cost of water imported from Northern California continues to rise. The ability to capture water in this way enhances the County's water supply and supports responsible water planning.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT



CIP MAP KEY

- 1 Pipeline Replacement Project**
Rosenda Street – 360' 6" C-900 Pipe
Replacing 150' 2" Steel
- 2 Pipeline Replacement Project**
Pine Street/Broadway – 700' 8" D.I. Pipe
Replacing 4" Steel
- 3 Pipeline Replacement Project**
San Marino Avenue – 2,000' 8" D.I. Pipe
Replacing 4" Steel

Commercial, industrial and
residential and responsive

PROJECTS

New Well Project

Line Replacement

Nitrate Blending Project

4 Nitrate Blending Project
Well 11 & 12 Blending
together to bring down well
11 Nitrate Levels
Well 11 = 800 gpm
Well 12 = 2650 gpm
Both wells located in
Rosemead at office

5 New Well Project: Well 16
Well 16 = 700 gpm
Located in the Raymond
Basin in San Marino

TAP THE TAP

For Fresh, Clean Drinking Water That Doesn't Break The Bank!

Next time you need to quench your thirst, think about tap water – the bottled water alternative that's good for your health and easy on the wallet.

Water delivered by SGCWD comes entirely from local groundwater basins, which are recharged by surface water that is naturally filtered as it percolates through the soil. This is an advantage over some brands of bottled water that are just re-packaged tap water, sometimes with added minerals.

SGCWD uses a small amount of chlorine as a bacterial disinfectant and we conduct meticulous testing to make sure our water meets all health and safety standards.

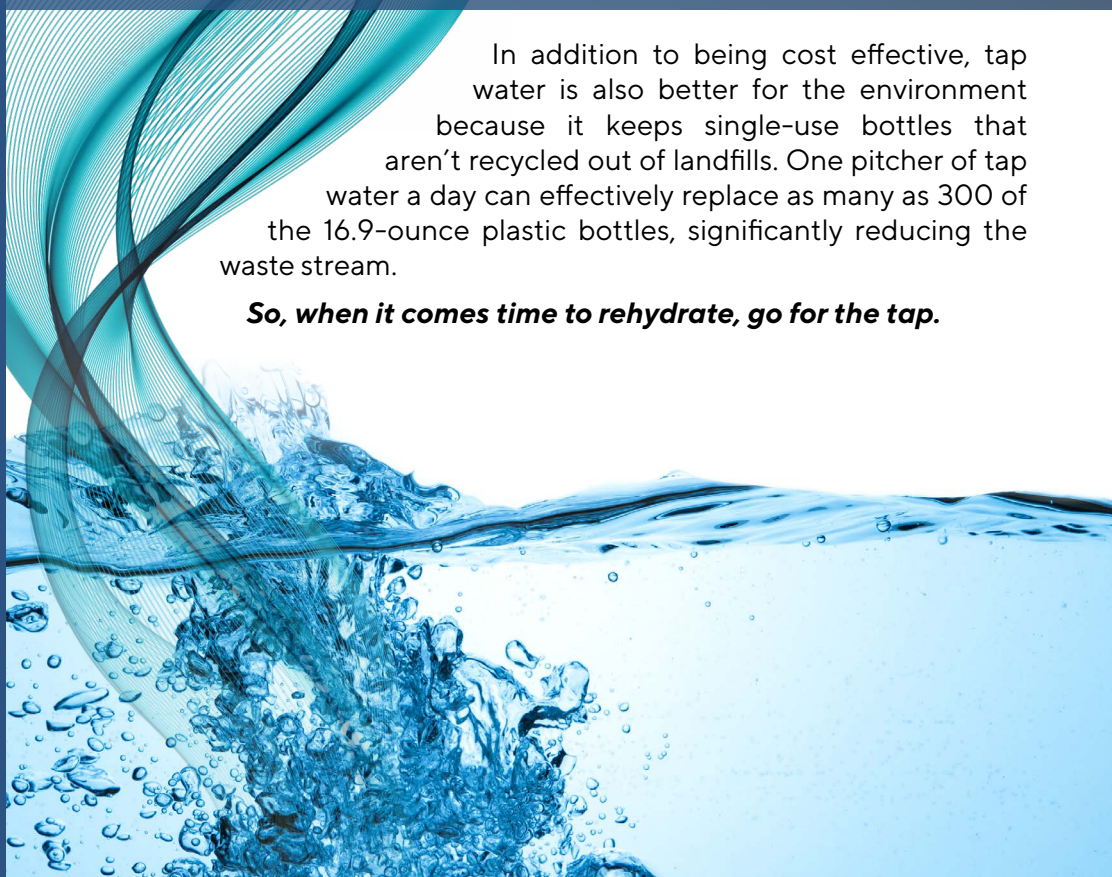
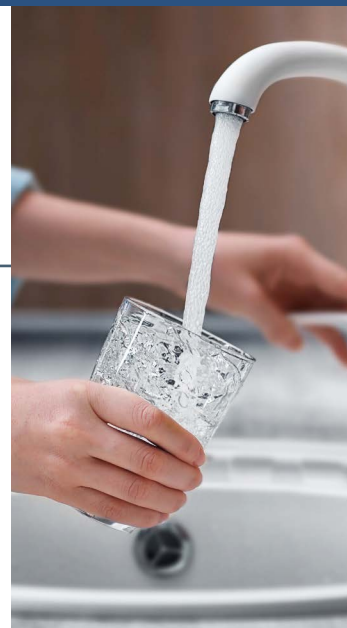
Because we have this readily available, local source, SGCWD's rates are some of the lowest in the area – and we pass those savings on to our customers.

Consider this:

The average cost of bottled water, per gallon, was **\$1.11 in 2016**. Buying a **\$1 bottle of water every day** for a year would cost **\$365**. But the **same amount of water from the tap** would cost less than **\$2!**

In addition to being cost effective, tap water is also better for the environment because it keeps single-use bottles that aren't recycled out of landfills. One pitcher of tap water a day can effectively replace as many as 300 of the 16.9-ounce plastic bottles, significantly reducing the waste stream.

So, when it comes time to rehydrate, go for the tap.





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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



George Atilano

**Field Customer Service Representative/
Conservation Specialist**

George Atilano began working for SGCWD in 1995 as a meter reader. He later spent 11 years working in distribution, where he served as a Water Worker III and Heavy Equipment Operator. George now creates exceptional customer service experiences at the District.

"I like helping people and making a positive impact in their day," George says. "Helping our customers with their water-related concerns is a meaningful way I can help the community."

In his free time, George enjoys spending time outdoors with his children and teaching Sunday School with his wife on the weekends.



Jim Jenkins

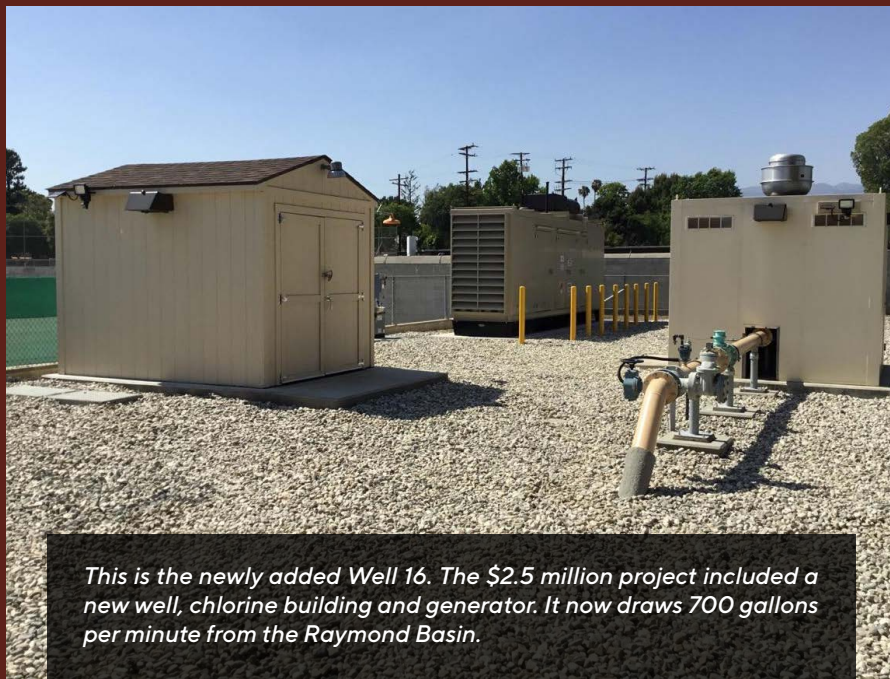
Water Quality Specialist

Working in the water industry came naturally for Jim Jenkins, with his grandfather having been a plumber and his dad a water treatment plant operator. Jim's favorite part of the job is the people he works with.

"I have done many jobs in this industry, from meter reading to customer service, construction to treatment, and now water quality. But the best part about what I do is working with people that have the same goals in mind. We provide a vital service and we do so with excitement. We work hard, but I never feel the burden of that work. My team is always here to help me along the way!"

When he's not at work, Jim likes to spend time with his wife Jaylene and their four young children, going to Disneyland, the beach or camping.

TAPPING INTO A NEW WATER SUPPLY



This is the newly added Well 16. The \$2.5 million project included a new well, chlorine building and generator. It now draws 700 gallons per minute from the Raymond Basin.

SGCWD in the community

