

# RetroGram

SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT'S IMPORTANT HISTORY



## **Throwback: What is the North Fork American River and Mining Company?**

On July 27, 1854, a group of entrepreneurial mining stockholders came together to form the North Fork American River and Mining Company, the first predecessor of San Juan Water District. During the next century, North Fork built and rebuilt infrastructure, changed hands and ownership and faced increasing regulations for hydraulic mining and flood control. On February 10, 1954, 100 years after its birth, voters approved the formation of the San Juan Suburban Water District by a two-thirds majority. The word “suburban” was later removed from the name.

## **Water Efficiency: Important Then, Now and In the Future**

During the 1970s severe California drought, San Juan launched a campaign to urge customers to practice strict water conservation principles – and it worked! For the first four months of 1977, customers used 32 percent less water than the previous year.

While we are operating at a Stage 1 drought condition now, we always encourage our customers to practice water efficiency inside and out. Practicing water efficiency now will help conserve water for California’s volatile water supply.





## **Aging Infrastructure Transcends Time**

With San Juan's long history, some of its infrastructure including its pipelines are decades old. It is critical for San Juan to continually update or replace aging pipelines and other facilities to ensure safe and reliable drinking water.

The Capital Improvement Project Program identifies what infrastructure projects are priority and when they are slated for upgrade. Learn about current and completed projects on the San Juan website.

[sjwd.org/major-current-capital-improvement-projects](http://sjwd.org/major-current-capital-improvement-projects)



## **Delivering High Water Quality Since Day One**



The importance of maintaining high water quality standards has never changed. Since day one, it's been the #1 priority at San Juan. Each year, San Juan releases a Consumer Confidence Report reporting on the district's water quality. This year, the report concluded that your drinking water meets all current federal and state drinking water standards!

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