

WaterGram



ADVOCATING FOR YOUR WATER SUPPLY



LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

We are your advocate on regional, state and federal water policies. We work to protect your water rights and your water supply. In 2017, we weighed in on several legislative bills that would adversely affect your water use and water bill. For example, as a leader of a coalition of more than 100 public water agencies, we helped stall the following bills. These bills will be back in 2018. We will continue to fight them on your behalf.

- **Assembly Bill 1668 and Senate Bill 606.** If passed, these proposed laws would allow the State Water Resources Control Board to enforce statewide reductions in urban water use regardless of supplies available. We oppose this legislation. It is an invasion of local control and the “one-size-fits-all” approach to a standard setting is unacceptable.
- **Senate Bill 623.** This proposal would impose a tax on all urban water users to help fund safe drinking water solutions in disadvantaged communities. While we agree this important problem needs to be solved, the Legislature should find more relevant and equitable funding, rather than adding a tax to your water bill.

We will continue to secure amendments to these bills to protect your interests. For frequent updates, check our Facebook, Twitter and website.

YOUR WATER RATES AT WORK

In addition to our legislative advocacy, we work year-round to maintain and/or upgrade aging pipelines, pump stations and portions of our water treatment facility. These projects are part of our capital improvement program to help ensure a safe, reliable water supply today and for generations to come. Our newly passed rate modifications help fund these critical projects. See other side for details.

SNAPSHOT OF WORK UNDERWAY AND COMPLETED PROJECTS

Pipeline Projects

Engineering design is underway to replace aging pipelines and pipeline segments to reduce the potential for failure, leaks and service disruptions. Construction will begin in early spring next year. We'll notify you about potential impacts in advance of construction.

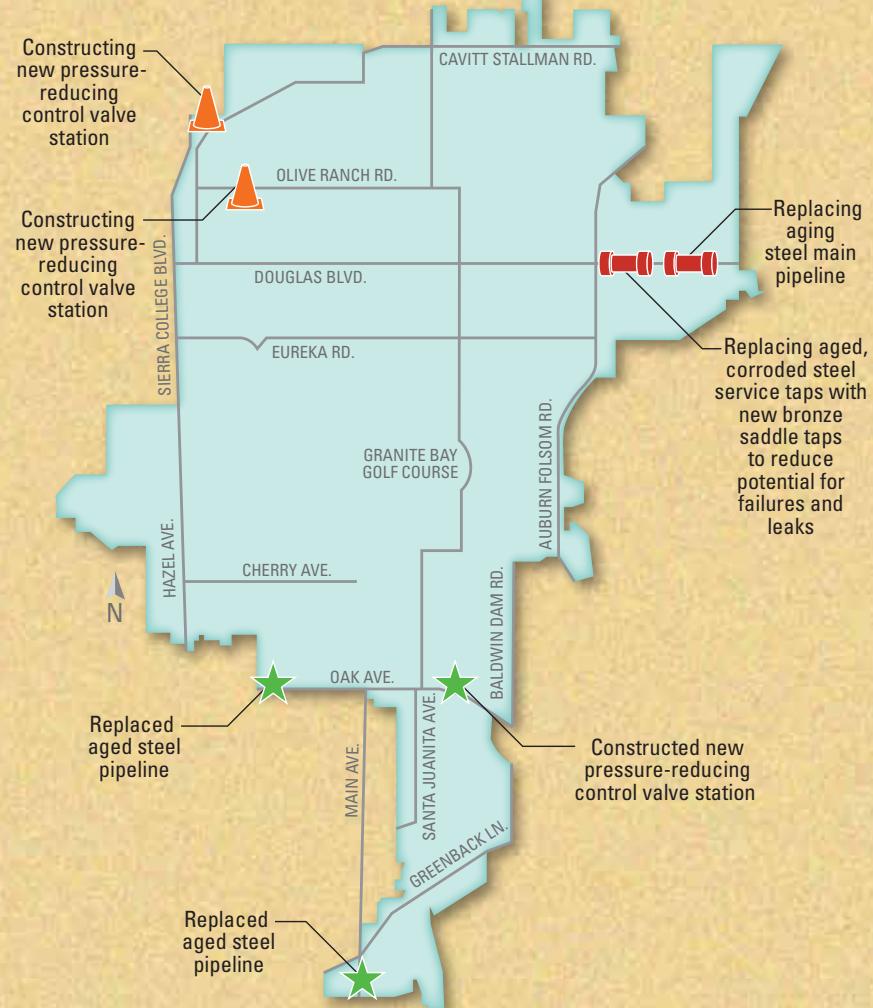
Construction Projects

We are building new pressure reducing control valve stations to provide supply redundancy for high water demand periods and for emergencies such as fires.

Completed Projects

We replaced aged steel pipelines on Main and Oak Avenues in Orangevale. We also constructed a new pressure reducing control valve station on Oak Avenue in Folsom.

OUR RETAIL SERVICE AREA





U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Photo by Winetta Owens

NEW FOLSOM DAM PROJECT ENHANCES FLOOD PROTECTION

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation recently completed the Folsom Dam Auxiliary Spillway Joint Federal Project, a project that broke ground in 2008. It provides an additional spillway which will allow the Bureau to release Folsom Lake water earlier during extreme storm events. This project enhances flood protection for the Sacramento region and increases the ability to improve reservoir carryover storage for future use.

KEN'S WINTER WATER TIPS

January and February tend to bring the coldest days of winter. Prepare your pipes and make some water efficiency habit changes before the storms roll in.



Eliminate Outdoor Watering

Cooler weather and seasonal rain provide sufficient moisture to keep your landscape healthy so you can eliminate watering.



Check for Leaks

Changes in temperature between night and day during winter cause pipes to expand and contract, making it easier for leaks to occur.

Winterize Your Pipes

Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas such as the garage, crawl space and attic.



ENHANCING DRY-YEAR WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY

Have you heard about conjunctive use? If not, this is another strategy we're pursuing to help ensure the reliability of your water supplies. We continue to work with the Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks and Sacramento Suburban Water Districts on the implementation of a conjunctive use program. This program focuses on the coordinated use of surface water and groundwater to maximize future water supply reliability, particularly during droughts. Under a conjunctive use program, surface water is relied upon during wet years while groundwater is saved for use in dry years.

RATE MODIFICATIONS HELP FUND IMPORTANT PROJECTS

Consistent with the Board's Five-Year Rate Plan adopted in 2017, a new rate structure will go into effect January 1. Your bill will be prorated at the old rate through January 1 and the new rate will apply after January 1. The water use charge will remain unchanged at \$0.92 per hundred cubic feet (or \$0.92 for every 748 gallons used). The daily base rate will increase from \$1.42 to \$1.63 for customers with a 1-inch meter. Visit sjwd.org for more information.