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Capital Improvement Program Optimizing Water Delivery for the Community

Rainbow Water's commitment to deliver safe and reliable water and wastewater collection services to the community is exemplified in the Capital Improvement Program. Projects to improve infrastructure, and limit the number of emergency water shutdowns are carefully planned by the Rainbow Water Engineering team and approved by the Board of Directors. Read below to explore current construction projects that serve to optimize water delivery through proactive maintenance.

Pump Station Project

Project Area: West Lilac, Rancho Amigos, and Dentro De Lomas

The Division 1 pump station project includes the installation of three prefabricated potable water pump stations. The three pump stations will deliver water to the Hutton, Turner, and Gopher Tank Zones in the District's southern region by transporting water supply from the District's northern connections. The Project will provide supply reliability to the District's southern service area and lower wholesale water cost. View a map of the project area on the Rainbow Water website: rainbowmwd.ca.gov/pump-station-project-division-1

- The West Lilac Pump Station is located along West Lilac Road near Bonsall High School and Sullivan Middle School.
- The Rancho Amigos Pump Station is near the Saratoga Estates community along Rancho Amigos Road.
- The Dentro De Lomas Pump Station is located along Dentro De Lomas Road in the community of Bonsall.

Start Date: April 2024

End Date: Late 2024

Thoroughbred Lift Station (pictured above)

Project Area: Thoroughbred Ln. and SR76, pipelines along SR76, Camino Del Rey, and Old River Road

Rainbow Water will provide water and sewer service for the Citro development east of I-15 and north of SR76. The project includes the construction of a new sewer lift station and pipeline improvements to facilitate wastewater collection service. The lift station will be the eighth for the District and is a shared cost partly funded through developer capacity fees that support the District's infrastructure.

Start Date: Spring 2022

End Date: Summer 2024

Become a Committee Member



Make a difference in your community by joining one of the three public committees: Budget & Finance, Engineering & Operations, or Communications & Customer Service. Rainbow Water is currently accepting online applications to fill a vacancy on the Communications and Customer Service Committee.

As a committee member, you will provide valuable feedback, serve as advisory to the Board of Directors, and collaborate with team members to help shape water management in your community. The committee is comprised of volunteers, Board Members, and staff who meet monthly on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at the Rainbow Water office. The committee member position is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Rainbow Water and past committee members have moved on to serve on the Board of Directors.

Apply Online

Give back to the community and help build the future of Rainbow Water. For more information about serving as a committee member and to submit an interest form visit: rainbowmwd.ca.gov

Scan the Code to Submit a
Committee Interest Form





Invest in Your Landscape

Are you looking to enhance your yard or garden for spring? Create a beautiful and sustainable landscape with the help of Metropolitan Water District's Turf Replacement Program and California Friendly® plants from SoCal WaterSmart. The programs help improve water efficiency and beautify the community with non-invasive plants.

Turf Replacement Program

The Turf Rebate starts at \$3 per square foot for residential customers and \$2 per square foot for commercial customers who remove their grass and replace it with water-efficient California Friendly® and native plants. Receive an extra \$100 per tree added to your project for a maximum of five trees.

Rebate Requirements:

- Plant three California Friendly® plants per 100 square feet.
- Feature a sustainable landscape to capture water run off by incorporating a rock garden, dry river bed, berm or grading.
- Design the area to allow water to pass through hardscapes and slowly filter into the ground.
- Update to a water-efficient irrigation system.
- TreeRebate Program includes fruit trees and all trees must be 15 gallons or larger with maximum height of 15 feet tall.

Learn more about the program and apply online:
bewaterwise.com/turf-replacement-program.html

California Friendly® Plants

Get the most of your garden when you plant native and low-water use plants that are best suited for Southern California's dry summer heat and rainstorms. Build a garden with WaterSmart plants that will require minimal water upkeep and little fertilization, but best of all the plants create an environment that attracts bees, birds, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

- 100% of the plants are low-water use.
- 98% of plants are pollinators.
- 50% are California native plants.
- 100% are grown by local growers and available at local nurseries.

A complete list of 50 Favorites for California Friendly and Native Landscapes is available on the SoCal WaterSmart website:
bewaterwise.com/garden.html

More tips for sustainable landscapes can be found at bewaterwise.com or scan the code.



Stop by the Rainbow Water booth at the Avocado Festival to receive a complimentary packet of California poppy seeds & 50 Favorite Plants brochure.

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Live Oak Park Road Bridge Project

Project Area: Live Oak Park Rd. & Gum Tree Ln.

Rainbow Water partnered with the County of San Diego Department of Public Works on the Live Oak Park Road Bridge Project, to replace the bridge culvert structure with a single-span concrete slab bridge. The new County bridge raised the road elevation three to four feet and removed the existing corrugated metal pipe culverts currently under the roadway. The County's bridge project created utility conflicts with the District's existing 8-inch and 16-inch water mains, that resulted in the need to relocate sections of both mains, which was the District's responsibility on the Project. The bridge upgrade restores natural flow of water to the area and improves safe road access.

Start Date: June 8, 2022 (NTP Issued)

End Date: April 2024

Read more about the Capital Improvement Program, project updates and view construction photos on the Rainbow Water website:

rainbowmwd.ca.gov/capital-improvement-program

Avocado Festival

Meet the Rainbow Water team in person at the **37th Annual Fallbrook Avocado Festival Sunday, April 21, 2024 . 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Come by the booth on Main Street and College Street, and spin the wheel to win prizes. Event admission is free.

Career Opportunities

Did you know Rainbow Water was awarded Top Workplaces by the San Diego Union Tribune for the third consecutive year? Join a team of dedicated professionals who continuously strive to deliver excellence.



Applications for multiple positions are now being accepted online.

Explore careers at: rainbowmwd.ca.gov/careers

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