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**100 YEARS**  
OF PROVIDING  
**SERVICE, QUALITY**  
**AND STEWARDSHIP**

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## A Message from the General Manager

### Welcome to Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District's newsletter!

For more than 100 years, BCVWD's top priority has been and continues to be providing a safe, reliable water supply. This year we are celebrating our commitment to protecting local groundwater, while also expanding our water supplies to support a rapidly growing community.

We have many projects in the works, including a partnership with the City of Beaumont to begin providing recycled water and a rate study to evaluate pricing for water, cost of service, potential rate structures and multi-year financial plans.

Our staff and Board of Directors are dedicated to the communities we serve. Keep reading to learn about some of the ways we are engaging with residents, including Career Day at a neighborhood elementary school, honoring local veterans and popular community events such as the annual fishing derby at our recharge ponds.



We are excited to share District news and keep you up-to-date on what's happening at BCVWD and with water in our community. We hope you enjoy learning more about your water District! As always, feel free to contact our office at (951) 845-9581 or [info@bcvwd.org](mailto:info@bcvwd.org).

*Sincerely,*

**Daniel K. Jaggers**  
General Manager



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# CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

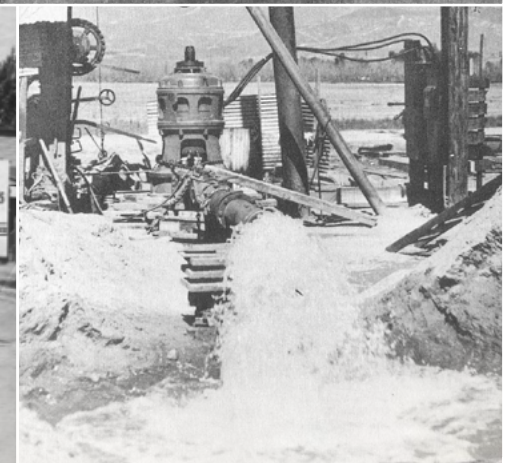
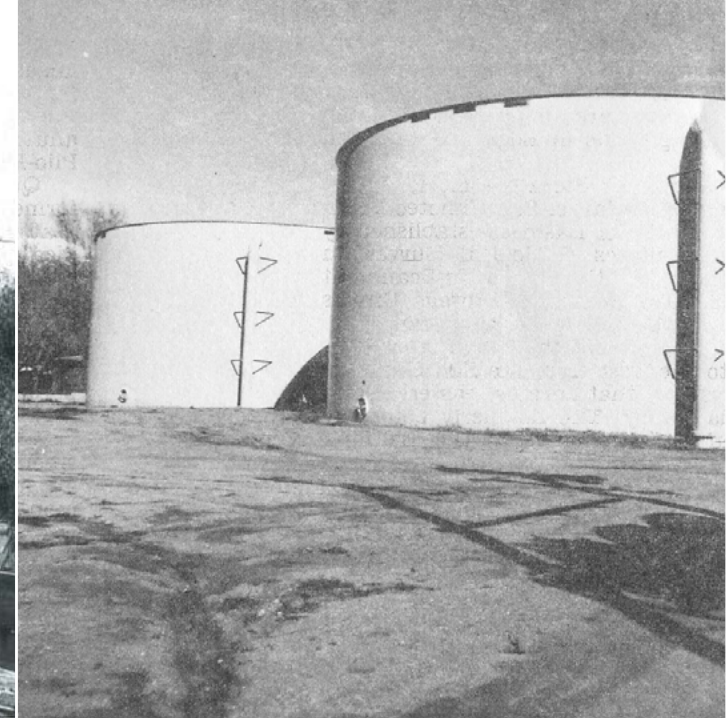
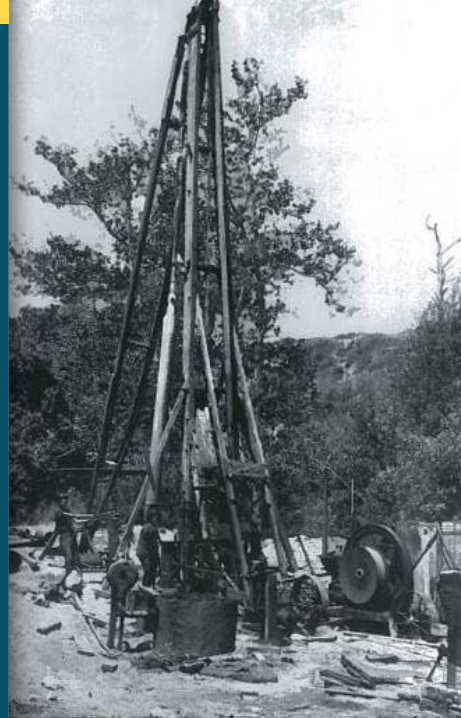
BCVWD is recognizing its centennial year of providing service, quality and stewardship. The District dates back to the late 1800s, when it was known as the Beaumont Land and Water Company, and officially became the Beaumont Irrigation District in 1919. The name was changed to Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District in the early 1970s.

Today, the District is proud to continue developing programs and policies that ensure safe, reliable water for the community's growing population. Over the years, BCVWD has increased delivery capability by adding new pressure zones and installing miles of water mains.

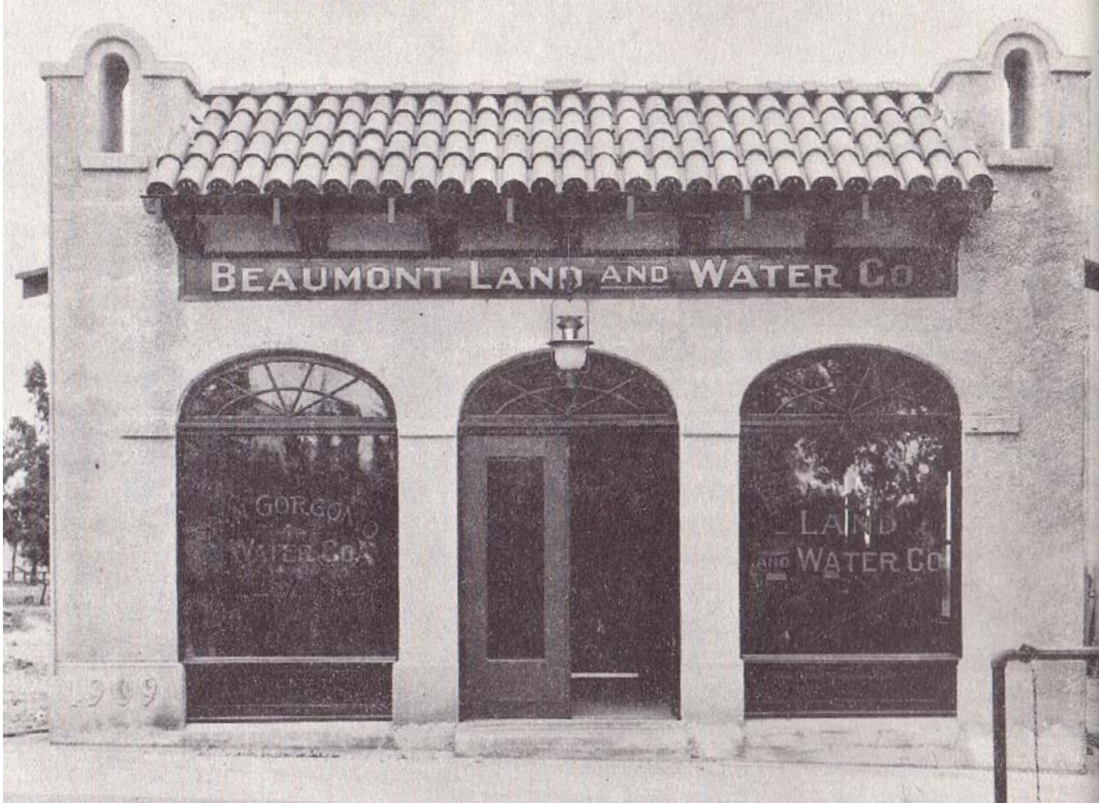


BCVWD has kept up with the demands of a growing community.

Year	Population	Service Connections	Gallons Delivered Per Year
2000	16,744	6,080	2,055,328,070
2010	43,116	15,399	3,591,610,862
2018	55,592	18,757	3,950,674,200







## BCVWD Today!

BCVWD ensures the long-term health and sustainability of water sources, plans for future growth and maintains assets such as pipes and pumps.



### SERVICE POPULATION

**55,000**



### SERVICE AREA

**28 square miles**



### PIPELINES, PRESSURE ZONES, WELLS & RESERVOIRS

BCVWD serves its rate payers from **24 wells** and **14 reservoirs** through a multitude of pipelines ranging from **4 to 24 inches in diameter** located within **11 pressure zones**



### SOURCE OF SUPPLY

**State Water Project**

**Local sources** such as the Little San Geronio Creek (Edgar Canyon)

**Expanding to add recycled water** (partnering with City of Beaumont)



### ACTIVE SERVICE CONNECTIONS

**19,060**



BCVWD has **increased water storage capacity** from **7 million** to **25 million gallons**







## Elementary Students Experience What It's Like to Work in the Water World

Local students had the chance to learn about water testing, check for chlorine residual, take groundwater level measurements, and see safety equipment and tools with BCVWD staff at Anna M. Hause Elementary School's Career Day in May.

In addition to classroom presentations, more than 200 students rotated from station to station with their classes to explore a variety of careers. The BCVWD station was a huge success with students, who chatted with James Bean, Assistant Director of Operations, and Dustin Smith, Production Operator, during demonstrations and hands-on activities. The students learned about drinking water sources, water treatment, conservation and challenges for sustainability.

"Career Day gives students the opportunity to engage in potential careers and ask questions about what it is really like to pursue a water industry career path," said Bean. "The event was a great way to expose young students to a wide variety of career options all at one time."

BCVWD also discussed educational subjects that are important for water jobs, including science, math, and language arts.

Other Career Day attendees included the fire department, police officers (local, County Sheriff, CHP, K-9 Unit), Southern California Edison, The Gas Company, military personnel, as well as many other presenters.







## BCVWD in the Community

BCVWD staff and Board members are dedicated to being an active part of the local community. ***Here are a few of the events BCVWD participated in or sponsored over the last few months:***



*BCVWD was proud to sponsor the 101st Beaumont Cherry Festival. The popular community event ran from May 30 through June 2 at Stewart Park and featured games, rides, booths, music, entertainment, and food and drink.*



## Humane Society Walk with the Animals

BCVWD provided water bottles and water for the “***Walk with the Animals***” event in March at Four Seasons. The event was a fundraiser for the Ramona Humane Society shelter animals.



## Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

On behalf of the BCVWD Board of Directors, Director Andy Ramirez presented local veterans with a framed certificate of gratitude thanking them for their services at the 10th Annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day event at Noble Creek Park in March.



## BEAUMONT FISHING DERBY

Children and adults fished to win prizes at the annual Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District Fishing Derby in April. Every year, BCVWD opens its recharge ponds to the public for the event. The District also hosted a booth at the event, where participants could stop by for more fun, including activities for young children and giveaways.





## City of Beaumont and BCVWD Create Partnership to Provide Recycled Water

In June 2019, the City of Beaumont and BCVWD approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding recycled water. The agencies will work together to utilize recycled water, which is a local, sustainable water supply, and provide it to city residents and BCVWD customers.

Recycled water is an important part of the BCVWD Urban Water Management Plan. Using recycled water will:

- Help address long-term water supply needs
- Support water sustainability and conservation
- Protect groundwater
- Reduce the amount of imported water purchased
- Supplement the water demands of a growing community

The water will be used to irrigate large landscapes, including common areas in large neighborhoods (homeowner's associations), parks, schools and, ultimately, golf courses. Recycled water will be distributed via its own dedicated pipeline system, using purple pipes.



## BCVWD Recognized for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded BCVWD a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. BCVWD received the award for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Learn more at [bcvwd.org](http://bcvwd.org).



## BCVWD Board of Directors Approves Rate Study Firm

BCVWD is conducting a Water Rate Fee Study to evaluate current rate structures and related cost of service. According to state law, BCVWD is required to charge customers only for the true cost of water, no more and no less. The need for a rate study is based on a number of factors:



BCVWD's most recent 5-year rate increase plan was implemented in 2010, making the District due for another rate and fee analysis.



New state water-efficiency legislation (AB 1668 and SB 606) will require the District to meet new water use objectives and reporting requirements, replace aging pipes and mains to prevent leaks, and update drought plans. Meeting the legislation's requirements will increase costs for BCVWD.



The price of electricity, operating expenses and other costs to deliver water have increased over the last five years.



The amount it costs to purchase imported water from the San Geronio Pass Water Agency has significantly increased.



Costs associated with the Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan, which was updated in 2018, are not reflected in current rates.

The BCVWD 2019 Water Rate Fee Study will be conducted by an independent financial expert, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., a well-regarded consulting firm based in Southern California. Learn more about the rate study at [bcvwd.org](http://bcvwd.org).





## BCVWD actively engages in regional and local water supply solutions

*Bay-Delta Water Tour provides opportunity to interact with state water system*



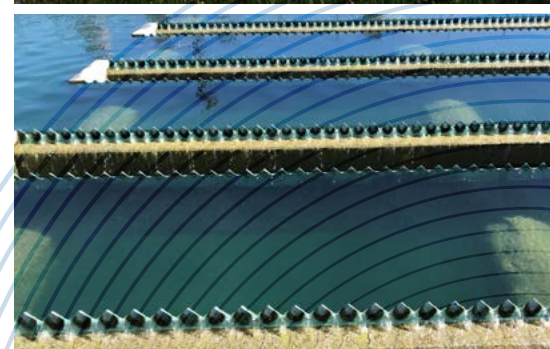
Remaining involved in conversations about local and regional water supply solutions is an important part of BCVWD's dedication to leading the industry in water resource management, while also providing safe, reliable water to customers.

In June, BCVWD staff and Board members explored the complex system that provides imported water to the agency's customers at the Water Education Foundation's Bay-Delta Water Tour. Water imported from the State Water Project makes up a substantial portion of BCVWD's supply.

"The tour painted the picture of perspective when it comes to water management in California," said James Bean, BCVWD Assistant Director of Operations. "It's important to work diligently in developing local water supplies such as recycled water and storm water capture to reduce our community's dependence on imported water. However, with most of the state's water supply in the north and large populations in the south, it is vital to invest in the projects that allow deliveries through the State Water Project.

"The collective management of this precious resource is imperative for future generations," Bean added.

The tour traveled the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, which is a 720,000-acre network of islands and canals that supports the state's water system. Topics covered included Delta planning initiatives, the proposed tunnels projects, water project operations, fish passage, ecosystem restoration, levees and flood management, Delta agriculture, storage, and drinking water quality and water supply reliability.



## BCVWD Conservation Pocket Guide Helps Customers Save Money & Water

Get conservation tips and leak-check tricks from BCVWD's new fold-out pocket guide! The guide features ways to easily start conserving water and saving money both inside and outside your home.

*Find the guide online at [bcvwd.org](http://bcvwd.org) or stop by the District headquarters for a printed copy.*



## BCVWD 2018 Water Quality Report is now available

At BCVWD, providing safe water is a top priority. The BCVWD 2018 Consumer Confidence Report provides customers with information about the quality of local drinking water.

The report, which consists of water quality testing results submitted to and approved by the California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water, is available online at [bcvwd.org/2018-Consumer-Confidence-Report/](http://bcvwd.org/2018-Consumer-Confidence-Report/).



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*Board meetings are open to the public and take place the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.*

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