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Increased Water Order Strengthens Supply Reliability

With groundwater replenishment and community needs in mind, BCVWD is taking advantage of unprecedented wet weather by securing additional water to recharge the Beaumont Basin.

BCVWD requested to purchase 11,200 acre-feet of water from state water contractor San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) for 2024, with an additional order of 7,000 acre-feet for further groundwater supply pending availability. This follows a similar water order and additional availability of 18,000 acre-feet in 2023, with an anticipated actual delivery of around 16,500 acre-feet. The total amount of water delivered to BCVWD in 2024 will be dependent on winter storms, water supply availability and capacity constraints in the East Branch Extension of the State Water Project. **“This extra water will bring big benefits to BCVWD customers,” said Board President David Hoffman. “The more water we obtain, the more we can support groundwater basin sustainability and protect the community’s water supplies against future drought.”**

The large deliveries were made possible by California’s wet season, thoughtful District planning and regional collaboration between SGPWA and BCVWD. The water orders will help BCVWD replace water used from the Beaumont Basin in 2021 and 2022. Drought and other statewide conditions led to an imbalance in the basin. The incoming surplus will allow the District’s storage account to recover as much as 6,000 to 8,000 acre-feet.

Community water needs are crucial, and the water orders will allow BCVWD to build a bank of groundwater supply for later use. The imported water supply will be used to replenish the Beaumont Basin through the District’s Noble Creek Recharge Facility and the SGPWA Brookside Recharge Facility.

BCVWD is among several local water agencies, including SPGWA, working collectively to make use of all available water supplies. While water is abundant now, **BCVWD will remain water-wise to ensure we continue to best serve our community and shore up resources for long-term supply dependability. Learn more at bcvwd.org.**





Stormwater Capture Project Crosses the Finish Line



A new underground storm drain will benefit residents of Beaumont and Cherry Valley by capturing 150 to 500 acre-feet of stormwater annually for storage, enough to serve up to 900 local families a year. The project also helps protect residential and commercial properties in the Cherry Valley community from flooding.

Project partners BCVWD and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District celebrated the completion of the Beaumont MDP Line 16 project at a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 7, 2023.

The ceremony featured remarks by County of Riverside Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez, BCVWD General Manager Daniel Jagers, and Riverside County Flood Control General Manager-Chief Engineer Jason Uhley. The event offered a unique opportunity to tour the facility and was attended by BCVWD Board members and key partner agencies from around the region.

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Finalization of the project coincides with an unusually wet year, allowing storm runoff to deposit into BCVWD's existing recharge ponds and fill the Beaumont groundwater basin. Without the drain, stormwater would continue to flow alongside Brookside Avenue and directly into Marshall Creek to be lost downstream.

The project was a testament to community partnerships. In addition to working with Riverside County Flood Control, the project received **\$1.2 million** through the Prop 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant, supported by the Department of Water Resources and the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority.

As California navigates extreme shifts in weather, the Beaumont MDP Line 16 proves an invaluable conservation tool. The innovative drain boosts the underground water supply bank in the face of water shortages, ensuring long-term water security and stability for customers. **Learn more at bcvwd.org.**



Collaborative Stormwater Project Receives Notable Awards

The Beaumont MDP Line 16 stormwater capture project received the Outstanding Flood Management Project accolade at the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) San Bernardino and Riverside Gala Awards on August 17.

The project also received the Outstanding Flood Control Project of the Year Award from the ASCE Los Angeles Section at its annual awards ceremony on September 30 and will now be nominated for a Region 9 Award.

"We are honored to receive distinguished recognition for this unique solution to flood mitigation and groundwater replenishment," Board Director Andy Ramirez said. "Not only did we create a critical tool for long-term water sustainability, but we built local and regional partnerships that are committed to safeguarding drinking water resources for years to come."



Pictured from left to right: ASCE LA Section 2023-2024 President Josue Vaglianti, BCVWD General Manager Daniel Jagers, BCVWD Board Director Andy Ramirez, Riverside County Flood Control Senior Civil Engineer Entcho Anguelov, BCVWD Board Treasurer Lona Williams, BCVWD Director of Engineering Mark Swanson.



Small Conservation Habits Have a Big Impact

As the weather cools, BCVWD remains committed to conservation and safeguarding our customer's water supply. While drought conditions have eased and the past year has brought ample rainfall, California will cycle again to a dry season. "Customers are a vital piece of the conservation puzzle," said Board Secretary Daniel Slawson. "We encourage you to look for ways to expand your current water-saving efforts at home and at work. Changing even small habits can make a big difference." You can help by practicing daily water-saving habits in your household. **Consider these easy ideas to preserve water:**

Indoor Tips



Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up or runs. Use this water to flush toilets or water plants.



Throw trimmings and peelings from fruits and vegetables into your organics bin or yard compost to avoid using the garbage disposal.



Select the proper size pans for cooking. Large pans require more cooking water than may be necessary.

Outdoor Tips



Avoid planting grass in areas that are hard to water and increase runoff, such as steep inclines and isolated strips along sidewalks or driveways.



Use porous materials for walkways and patios to keep water in your yard and prevent wasteful runoff.



Remember to weed your lawn and garden regularly. Weeds compete with other plants for nutrients, light, and water.

For more conservation tips, visit bcvwd.org/water-conservation-tips.



BCVWD Receives “Great Place To Work” Accolade

BCVWD was recognized for its outstanding work environment for the third year in a row. Great Place To Work — an organization touted as a global authority on workplace culture — certified BCVWD for the 2023 to 2024 year. The “Great Place To Work” award recognizes employers who create exceptional employee experiences, signaling to job seekers that a company offers an exemplary work environment.

“Our success is driven by our incredible team, and we are dedicated to creating an internal culture that empowers employees to thrive,” said Board Vice President John Covington. “This endorsement validates our efforts to sustain an inspiring and supportive environment that encourages staff members to achieve their full potential.”

When asked what makes BCVWD a great workplace, employees cited family, community, schedule, leadership and the team as factors. To learn more about BCVWD’s certification, visit www.greatplacetowork.com/certified-company/7023307.



Great Place To Work surveyed BCVWD employees, finding that 81 percent say BCVWD is a great place to work. This is compared to 57 percent of employees at a typical U.S.-based company. Additional survey results include:

- 95%** say, “When you join the company, you are made to feel welcome.”
- 94%** say, “People here are given a lot of responsibility.”
- 94%** say, “I feel I make a difference here.”

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District Honored with Awards Demonstrating Outstanding Governance

BCVWD is proud to have received recognition this year that reflects our ongoing dedication to accountability, transparency and fiscal responsibility, including:



Operating Budget Excellence Award, Fiscal Year 2023, *California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO)*



Investment Policy Certification Award, *California Municipal Treasurers Association (CMTA)*



Certificate in Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, *Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)*



Award for Achievement Information Technology Practices, *Municipal Information Systems Association of California (MISAC)*

“When we serve with integrity, it not only fosters trust with the community but also within our own team,” said Board Treasurer Lona Williams. “These awards are a testament to the devotion of our employees, who work hard every day to ensure the District continues to act with excellence in the best interest of our customers.”

Learn more about the District and our commitment to customers through open governance at bcvwd.org.