



**Virus Alert:
Standing
Water Breeds
Mosquitoes**

You can help the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District in its fight against the West Nile virus by removing any standing water on your property. Mosquitoes that carry the virus breed in standing water, such as poorly maintained swimming pools, clogged rain gutters, and unused flower pots. Questions? Need Help? Contact the Vector Control District at (925) 685-9301 or www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us



CONSERVE WATER PLEASE

Lower Your Water Bill and Help the Environment

When you conserve water, you reduce your water bill, help stretch the District's water supply and benefit the environment by reducing use of a precious resource. Try these simple steps to save water and money:


Take Advantage of Free Conservation Services:

Thanks to a water supply partnership with Contra Costa Water District, Diablo Water District customers are entitled to many free water conservation services, including extensive rebates and more. For more information, click to www.ccwater.com/conserv/ or call our office at 925-625-3798.

Water Shorter, More Frequently: Landscaping in Oakley's sandy soil responds better to shorter, more-frequent watering, such as 5 minutes once or twice a day.

Drought-Tolerant Plants use less water than grass, are easier to maintain, and provide a beautiful garden.



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PROJECT INCREASES WATER INDEPENDENCE, SAVES MONEY

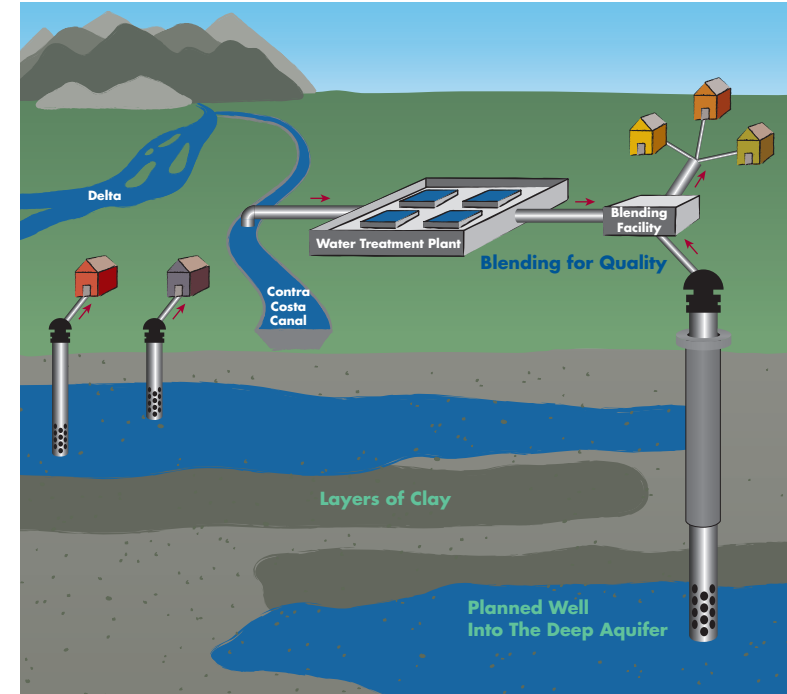
Customers Benefit From Well/Pipeline Project

Reduces use of costly imported water.

Increases water supply against the hardships of future droughts.

Provides backup water supply in the event of disruptions.

Delays the need to buy added water treatment capacity.




The District's well and pipeline project is operational and has the ability to provide up to two million gallons of water per day, twice the original design estimate. The well is equipped with a submersible pump to reduce noise.

An 18-inch-diameter, 3.5 mile-long pipeline that carries water from the well to a new blending facility near the Randall-Bold Water Treatment Plant has been completed. At the plant, the well water is blended with treated water to create a cost-effective, high-quality supply for delivery to customers.

The new well is our first practical source of local groundwater, and was developed following years of careful study. Groundwater from the project costs less to produce than purchasing canal water, helping to offset rising costs in other areas of the District's operations.




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ADVANCED MANAGEMENT, ECONOMIES OF SCALE HELP CONTROL COSTS, IMPROVE SERVICE



Diablo Water District serves 28,000 people with a staff of only 14 people. As the District expands its service, we gain economies of scale that help keep the cost of water down.

A computer-based monitoring and control system provides instant information about operations throughout the water system, and helps to maintain reliable water service costs-effectively.

Efficient Operations Provide Reliability, Cost Savings

To serve our growing community, the District enhanced the water supply, built a reliable pipeline and pump system, and developed capacity in the regional water treatment plant. Our field staff is fully equipped to respond immediately to water main breaks and other emergencies, day or night

High-Tech System Helps Quality, Lowers Costs

The District maintains a computer-based, automatic monitoring and control system to operate the water system efficiently with a small staff. The system uses computers connected to sensors placed throughout the water system. The computer system monitors water flow and pressure from reservoirs, wells, blending facilities, treatment plants and pumps. It also has an auto dialer that contacts field supervisors at any time day or night if problems arise.

Advanced water planning and management are paying off for our customers.

As a result, this is Diablo Water District's sixth year without a water rate increase.

One example, Workers' Compensation costs have been discounted 20% due to our excellent safety record.

Upgraded Facilities Meet Growing Customer Water Needs

The District carries out a proactive program of water facility upgrades and repairs to keep the system working efficiently at all times.

Downtown Pipelines Rehabilitated

The last remaining sections of old pipeline in the District's system were rehabilitated in downtown Oakley several years ago. The District's entire system is now up-to-date with the exception of some areas with old connections between pipes. We are fixing or replacing the outdated fittings as needed. Customers are encouraged to report any leaks they spot.

Win/Win Benefits

A planned pipeline project will allow Knightsen area customers to access the District's reservoir storage for better fire protection, and District customers in other areas will obtain access to more groundwater from the District's existing Knightsen well.



Developers pay all costs of facilities needed for new development.

Highly-trained field crews are available around-the-clock to keep the water system in top operating condition, and make emergency repairs when needed.



The District will be building a new reservoir on the hill west of Oakley, next to the existing reservoir. It is being paid for entirely by developers. Reservoirs provide an instant water supply for fire fighting, emergencies and to meet water demand that can double or triple in summer.