



WATER EFFICIENCY TIP

Adjust automatic sprinklers to spray less during the fall and turn them off during winter rains.



25-YEAR EMPLOYEE RETIRES


Danny Bowers Played Key Role

Danny N. Bowers, who made a career of public service as an employee of Diablo Water District, retired after 25 years with the District.



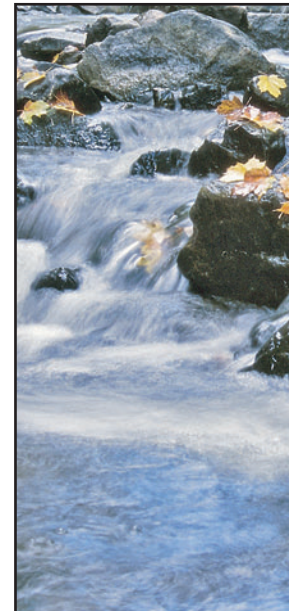
Danny was instrumental in guiding the District's operations through many transitions, including: construction of major reservoirs, conversion to a new, more modern water treatment plant, start-up of the District's computer automation system, construction of many miles of pipeline, and carrying out a cooperative water supply project with Brentwood.

The District's Board of Directors commended Danny for "his many years of dedicated service to Diablo Water District and for the valuable contributions he made towards providing the public with a safe and dependable water supply."

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NEIGHBOR AGENCIES CONTINUE WIN/WIN RELATIONSHIP

Allowing the City of Brentwood to use a portion of the Randall-Bold Water Treatment Plant owned by Diablo Water District and Contra Costa Water District creates economies of scale and savings for everyone.



Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Since 1997, Diablo Water District delivered water to the City of Brentwood from the Randall-Bold Water



Treatment Plant for the cost of pumping, maintenance and administration. In a continuing spirit of cooperation during the last three years, Diablo Water District increased the amount of water delivered to Brentwood without impacting service to its existing customers.

Cooperation Improves Plant Efficiency

Diablo Water District also achieved cost savings because the additional water treatment activity resulted in the plant operating more efficiently and more cost-effectively, helping keep costs down.

Brentwood Builds Own Connections

Recently, Brentwood built its own pipeline to the Plant and is renting a portion of Contra Costa Water District's share of the treatment plant. While Brentwood is no longer connected to the Diablo Water District water system, the win/win benefits for all parties continues.



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EMERGENCIES? WE'RE PREPARING FOR WHAT COMES



The recent massive hurricanes remind us that California is threatened by natural disasters, too. A major quake, for example, could damage the levees in the Delta and disrupt our primary water supply—the Delta, after all, is the largest source of water for the entire state.

View of the well pipeline being installed under Highway 4. The well is complete. The pump station is still under construction. The pipeline and blending plant is on schedule. The target date for the new system to become fully operational is spring 2006.

Well Project Progresses, Will Help Offset the Cost of Purchased Water

The District's well project, when complete, will provide up to 25 percent of our customers' water needs at a lower cost than imported water. This will help the District keep water rates down.

Also Serves As a Backup Supply

The well has a capacity of 2 million gallons a day, enough to provide our customers with basic water needs in the event that a disaster knocks out the Water Treatment Plant.

The new well will also be used to provide a backup water supply, along with the Los Vaqueros Reservoir, in the event

of a disaster that knocks out the 1,600 miles of levees of the Central Valley and Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

Storage for Emergency Use

Well water will also be available for fire fighting and other emergencies, or to continue service if regular sources are disrupted.

District is Member of Statewide Mutual Aid Network

The Diablo Water District is a member of the Water Agency Response Network (WARN), which supports and promotes statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response and mutual assistance for local water agencies.

WARN helps its member agencies, including Diablo Water District, to plan for emergencies and recommends how to respond.

Resources Available From Across the State

WARN also maintains an emergency equipment database that matches resources to needs. Member agencies can locate emergency equipment and trained personnel that may be needed in an emergency. This allows agencies such as Diablo Water District to respond and recover more quickly from a disaster. It also allows for a coordinated mutual assistance program.

The result is that the resources of water agencies throughout the state can be mobilized effectively in the event of an emergency.



Backup Plans and Equipment in Place

Diablo Water District has backup systems and security precautions already in place to help us maintain service during emergencies.

- Several days of water storage in large tanks
- Backup electrical generators
- Interconnections with neighboring agencies
- Upgraded doors, locks & gates
- Computer automated monitoring systems
- Patrols of facilities and supplies
- Super effective ozone disinfection
- Increased water quality testing