



# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

You expect high quality drinking water at-the-ready 24/7/365 when you turn on the tap. Montecito Water District works around the clock to make sure your water service is reliable. Our goal is to prevent unexpected emergencies by proactively investing in the infrastructure that keeps everything running behind the scenes.

**Capital Improvement Projects** are scheduled upgrades to the important facilities needed to supply the community with water. Our engineering team plays a key role in actively planning and implementing projects designed to meet today's needs while preparing for tomorrow's demands. Examples include:

- Replacing aging pipelines
- Upgrading treatment plants and storage reservoirs
- Implementing smart meter technology to monitor pressure and detect leaks

These large scale endeavors ensure our system remains resilient and ready for the challenges ahead, while offering immediate benefits to customers, such as:

- Preventing failures and reducing water loss
- Minimizing unplanned expenditures
- Decreasing service interruptions

Upgrades help improve daily dependability and emergency response, maintain water quality, and decrease long-term costs.



## THE RESERVOIR SEISMIC RETROFIT AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Starting this fall, the District will be upgrading some of its oldest and most important assets: water storage reservoirs. Plans are complete for eight reservoirs located throughout the service area. Construction will be underway on only one or two reservoirs at any given time to ensure sufficient water storage and operational flexibility at all times.

Federal grant funding awarded for the project makes it particularly favorable with a zero interest loan that provides 30% principal forgiveness. These subsidized project costs are already included in long-term financial planning. The District looks forward to sharing progress and updates as we proceed with this vital project to improve resilience in drinking water storage facilities.



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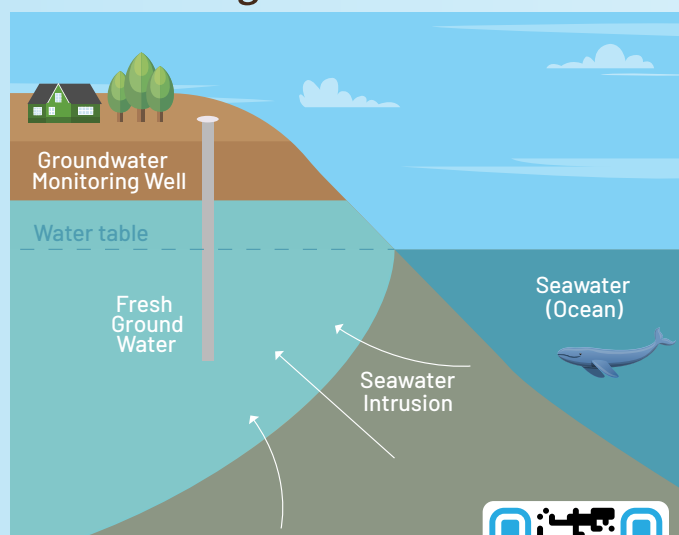
## Is our groundwater at risk?

Analysis to-date shows that the basin is in good health. This community depends on groundwater, so it is important to keep it that way. The Montecito GSA collects data regularly and monitors for any changes and signs of risk.

## How can well owners help?

Using existing wells for monitoring saves on the costs of installing new dedicated monitoring wells. Owners of properties with wells in the coastal zone may be eligible for the volunteer monitoring network. Participation is free, private, and protects groundwater for all of us.

## Seawater can be a risk for coastal groundwater basins



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