

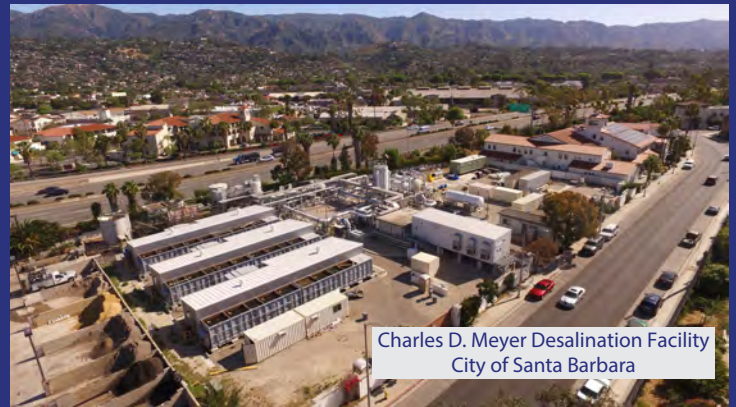
We're in this



Together

"DESAL" DELIVERED!

January 1, 2022 Montecito Water District began receiving water from the City of Santa Barbara per the 50-Year Water Supply Agreement. Executed in September 2020 after scrupulous negotiation, this "win-win" agreement guarantees 1,430 Acre Feet of water annually (117AF/month) regardless of hydrologic conditions. Now approximately 35% of MWD's current annual demand is backed by the City's Desalination Facility - a local, rainfall independent source. The water may also come from other sources, improving opportunities for regional water supply management.



Charles D. Meyer Desalination Facility
City of Santa Barbara

DROUGHT CONDITIONS CONTINUE

Perhaps surprisingly, December rains did not significantly improve the District's water supply outlook and drought conditions remain severe. Locally we received approximately 10" of rainfall in December, yet the true value was eliminating the need for irrigation in December and January. Jameson Lake and the Cachuma Project received very little gain, and State Water Project allocations are currently only 15%. Fortunately, the 50-Year Water Supply Agreement offers security during times of water scarcity, and flexibility when conditions are more favorable.

DISTRICT IS BETTER POSITIONED FOR DROUGHT THAN IN PAST YEARS

We take pride in completing initiatives that help ensure adequate water supply for the community in times of drought. Successful implementation of projects such as groundwater banking, desalination, sustainable groundwater management, and infrastructure improvements all improve resiliency. We're well positioned to face changing conditions, yet there's no end in sight for the need to use water wisely. We appreciate your ongoing partnership in keeping water use on budget - for the long haul.

GOAL: 20% REDUCTION IN OVERALL WATER USE



January, 2022 Update

DON'T LET UP NOW...IT'S ON!

In July 2021 the District established its goal to realign use with budget, and the State asked all Californians to reduce water use by 15% from prior year due to ongoing, near-historic drought conditions. July thru September customers showed responsive reduction, and since October water use has been on budget.

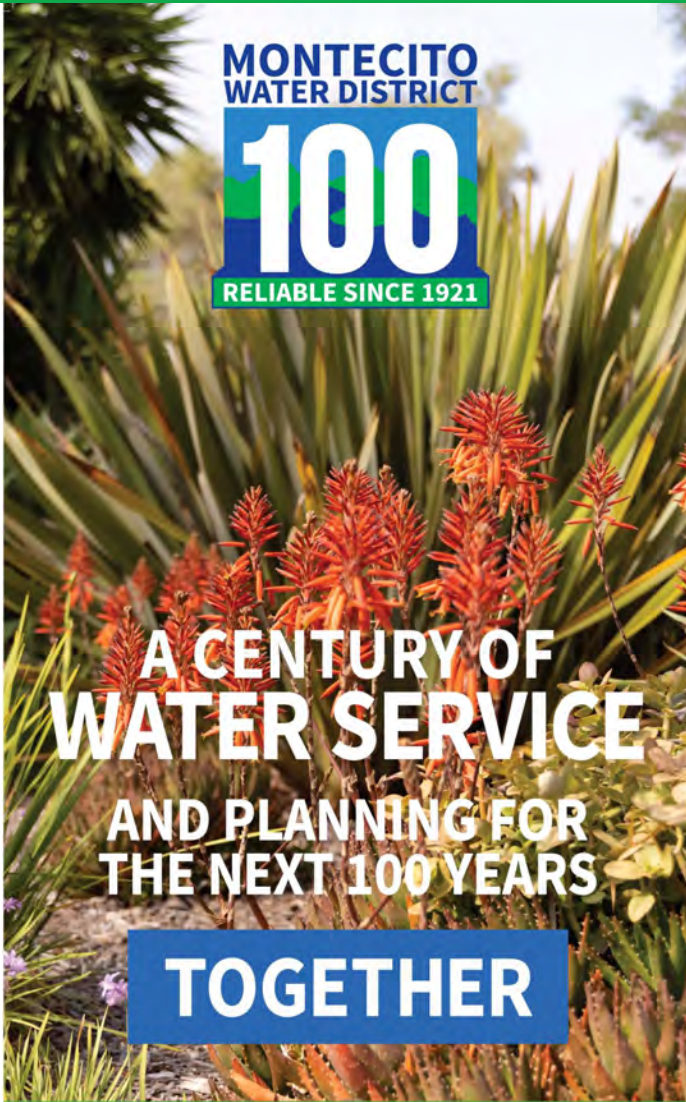
Why Must Water Use Be On Budget?

- To ensure sufficient water is available to meet customer demand through 2023 (and beyond).
- To comply with State regulations, and keep eligibility for future funding opportunities.

How Do We Support Efficient Water Use?

- Free Site Visits: Call 805.969.2271 to schedule a conservation check up in English or Spanish, in-person or virtual!
- Public Outreach: Subscribe to "Enews"; visit www.montecitowater.com; browse our partner site www.waterwisesb.org for more resources.
- Conservation Planning: Small but mighty, MWD prioritizes and implements industry best practices every day - we love water efficiency!

WHAT MORE CAN YOU DO TO USE LESS WATER?



CONSERVATION CORNER

The majority of water use is **Outdoors**. Here's how you can reduce:

- Water Only as Needed
- Stop Irrigation Before, During, and After Rain Events
- Improve Irrigation Systems / Use Technology
- Adjust Programming for Seasonal Changes
- Reset Timers after Power Outages
- Refresh Batteries
- Use Mulch to Keep Moisture in the Soil
- Monitor for Leaks and Fix Promptly



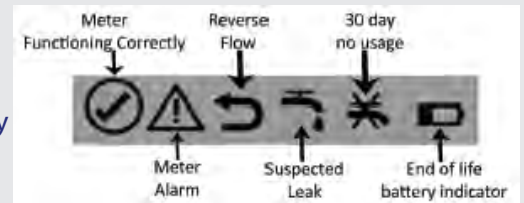
AMI "Smart Meter" Program

The District is now equipped with all new meters to provide the most advanced technology available for improving water efficiency. Unfortunately, the global shortage of semi-conductor chips realized during the pandemic caused a delay in the final step: implementing the "smart" part that will provide real-time data. As you can imagine, our engineers and service teams are eager for project completion, and we're doing everything we can to keep moving forward. We understand customers are also anticipating access to the full range of benefits the new meters will provide, and we appreciate your patience.

For now, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with the new meters and discover convenient features, such as the handy faucet icon which indicates you may have a leak.

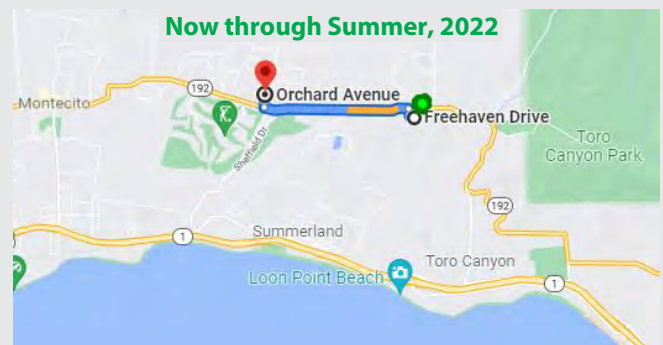
Tracking meter reads weekly helps with early leak detection.

Directions are on the invoice and on our web site. If you need further assistance, please contact our customer service team.



East Valley Road Water Main Replacement

This project began in January, and will replace approximately 1 mile of water main that dates back to the 1920's. To minimize traffic impacts, we recommend avoiding the area when possible during construction hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm, Friday 8am-1pm East Valley Rd. (Hwy192) Freehaven Dr. to Orchard Ave.



Hot Springs Road Water Main Replacement

This project successfully replacing more than 3/4 of a mile of water main dating back to 1923 was completed in fall, 2021.

By helping to prevent water outages and reduce water loss experienced during main breaks, these pipeline upgrades improve water delivery reliability.