

Key Facts About . . .

Laguna Beach County Water District

Since 1925, the Laguna Beach County Water District has proudly provided reliable, safe, and prudently-managed retail water service to our customers.

History of the District

Until the early 1920s, the residents of Laguna Beach relied on privately owned shallow wells and intermittent rainfall for their water supply. Then, in the mid-20s, saltwater intrusion and well failure combined to make an alternate water source urgent. The Laguna Beach County Water District was created by public vote in 1925. A year later, District voters approved a \$600,000 bond issue to purchase a well site in Huntington Beach, construct a transmission line and acquire an existing private water company to provide service. The original bond was paid off in 1955.

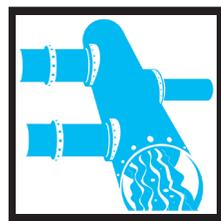
With its continuing growth, the District was unable to rely solely on its wells and looked to imported water supplies. In 1943, it started purchasing 100 percent of its supply from Colorado River water supplied by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The District remained solely dependent on imported water supplies until 2016

when an historic agreement was reached with the Orange County Water District, which reestablished the District's right to groundwater in the Santa Ana Basin. This ensures that more than half of the District's water supply is provided locally.

Today

The District's water is provided from local groundwater supplies and imported water from the Colorado River and Northern California. In our continuing efforts to supply a reliable source of water for the community, the District continues to look into other water supply projects as future additional sources of water. The District provides water services to approximately 19,121 people within an 8.5 square mile area of southern Orange County, including portions of the city of Laguna Beach and Crystal Cove State Park.

The District's 8,450 service connections service mostly



residential water users. The District sells

about 4,000 acre feet of water annually. This is equal to approximately 1.3 billion gallons delivered on an annual basis. An acre foot is enough

water to cover a football field one-foot deep or serve two average sized households for a year.

Operations

There are 21 water storage reservoirs with a total storage capacity of 33.5 million gallons within the District. These reservoirs are located within five elevation zones to ensure reliable distribution to all customers. They are monitored by the District's state-of-the-art telemetry system, allowing District personnel to manage water distribution throughout the system.

District staff operates and maintains 36 pumps in 14 pumping stations, with a total approximate connected horsepower of 2,660. The system encompasses 135 miles of distribution pipelines. These pipelines range in diameter from 4 to 16 inches.

As lead agency in a joint powers relationship with the South Coast Water District, Irvine Ranch Water District, the city of Newport Beach, and the Santa Margarita Water District, the District also operates and maintains the Aufdenkamp and the Coast Supply transmission lines. These pipelines range in size from 24 to 42 inches in diameter and provide the District's imported water supply.

Emergency Preparedness

The Board of Directors, recognizing the need to develop and maintain programs that not only address existing fire hazards, but also establish preparedness for the future, is committed to maximizing emergency water storage.

The Louis Zitnik Reservoir, completed in 2000, further improves distribution supply by increasing emergency water storage 22 percent. The District's efforts have resulted in superior fire suppression and water supply ratings, which have benefited the community with reduced insurance costs.

Water Quality

The Laguna Beach County Water District staff performs continuous water quality testing to ensure its customers safe drinking water. Water supplies are carefully monitored and meet all state and federal standards for health and safety. Each year, the results of these tests are compiled in a water quality report and distributed to all District customers.

Water Conservation

We are committed to water conservation. While we continue to search for cost-effective ways to develop



and manage water supplies, we encourage all of our customers to keep in mind that California's water resources are limited. We encourage everyone to use water wisely.

How the District is Governed

The publicly elected Laguna Beach City Council members serve as the ex-officio



Board of Directors of the Laguna Beach County

Water District, providing local control over the policies

and decisions affecting water service in the community. The Board meets quarterly. The public is welcome. Contact the District for dates and times.

A District Commission is appointed by the Board to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board. The Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the District's offices at 306 Third Street, Laguna Beach. The public is welcome.

Revenues

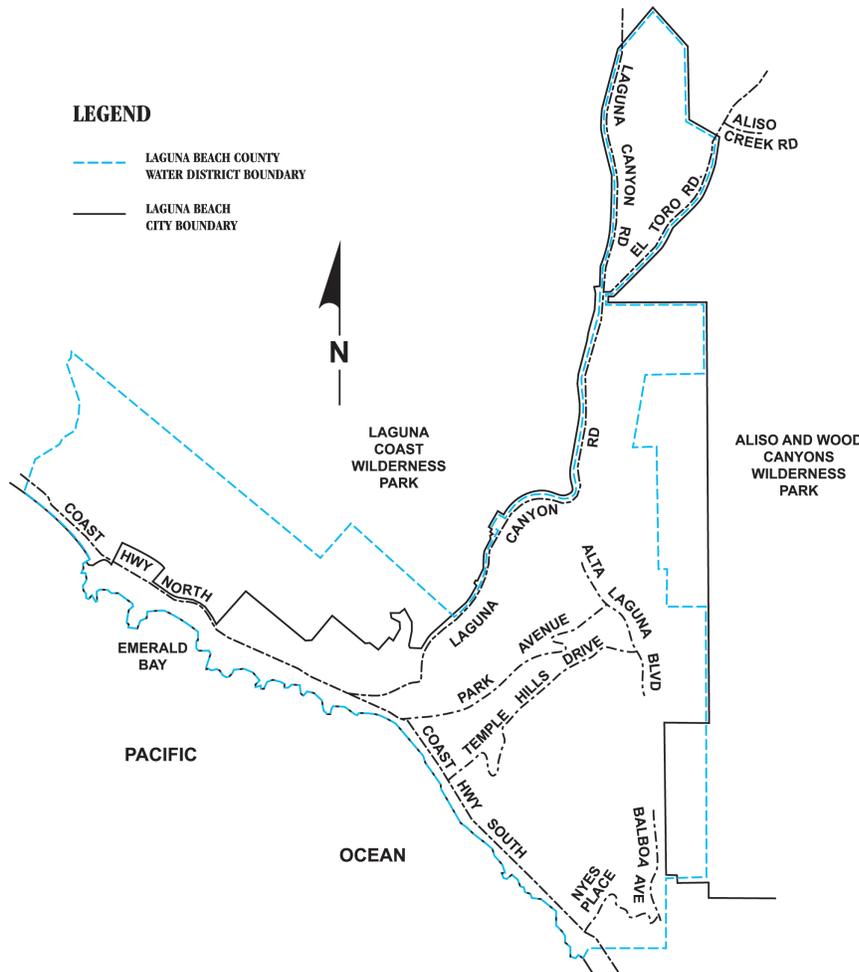
A major portion of the

District's revenue is derived from water rates and charges, as well as general revenue taxes. During the fiscal year 2016 - 2017, the District expects revenues of approximately \$9.7 million.

District Staff

The District's staff consists of 41 full-time employees, 25 of whom are field operational personnel and 16 office staff performing engineering, clerical, administration, and management functions.

**District Service Area
Laguna Beach County Water District**



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