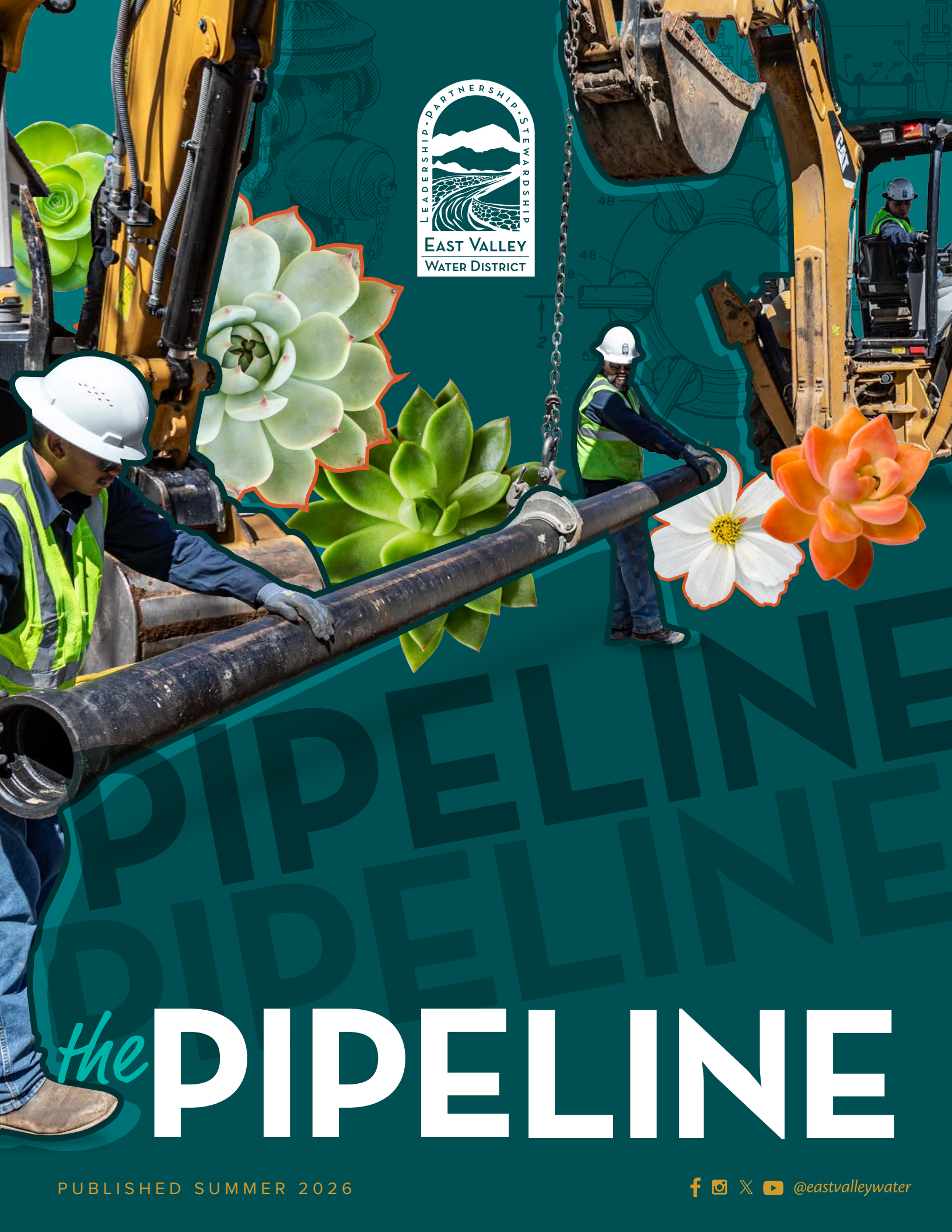




the PIPELINE

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NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS & COMMUNITY

As we welcome the summer season, I would like to wish you and your family a safe, enjoyable, and memorable summer. It has been a productive year for East Valley Water District (District, EVWD), with important improvement projects underway that are helping strengthen our water system, improve reliability, and support the needs of our growing community.

At EVWD, our work is about more than delivering water. We're committed to providing safe, high-quality drinking water and dependable wastewater services that protect public health and support the quality of life our community enjoys every day. Behind the scenes, our dedicated team is working to maintain and improve the infrastructure that serves more than 108,000 residents.

As our community continues to grow, the District remains focused on investing in projects that modernize aging infrastructure and strengthen our local water supply. While much of this work happens underground and out of sight, its impact is felt every day through the reliable service our customers count on at home, at school, and at work.

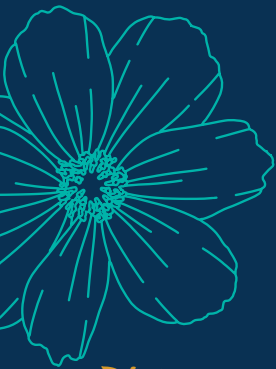
Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your family.



In service to our community,

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, representing Michael Moore, P.E.

Michael Moore, P.E.
General Manager/CEO



Vision

East Valley Water District aspires to be a beacon of excellence and innovation within the water industry. Through visionary leadership, we strive for a sustainable, transparent, and accountable future.

Mission

Provide our community with exceptional water and wastewater services by prioritizing sustainability, efficiency, innovation, and ongoing collaboration.



15,840 FEET OF WATER MAIN. EVERY YEAR.

Underground and out of sight but never out of mind. East Valley Water District is investing in critical upgrades to replace aging pipes originally installed in the 1950s and 1960s.

EVWD is working toward replacing 15,840 feet of water main—that's about three miles—every year for the next decade.



Progress-at-a-Glance



Upgrades Underway in
Neighborhoods Across the District



Fire Hydrants Installed
Along Most Streets



Older Mains Replaced with
Larger, More Efficient Pipes

Why It Matters

- A More Reliable Water System
- Fewer Main Breaks and Leaks
- Durable, Modern Materials Built to Last
- Continued Delivery of Safe, High-Quality Drinking Water



DIG.
UPGRADE
REPEAT.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS LOADING



EVWD is making steady progress expanding well systems to enhance access to local groundwater. Construction is underway on two new wells. The well at Plant 129 is nearing completion and is expected to be operational by spring 2027. A second well, located at the District's Headquarters, is currently in the design phase and is anticipated to break ground later this year.

Fun Facts

Wells Can Pump
Over 1,000
Gallons of Water
Per Minute



Building a New
Well Typically
Takes About
Two Years



Lifespan of a Well
is 30-50 Years or
More With Proper
Maintenance



Some Wells
Reach 500–
1,000 Feet
Underground



Reservoir Improvements

At the same time, we're giving reservoirs a refresh. These structures store millions of gallons of clean water, and ongoing upgrades help maintain water quality, improve reliability, and extend their lifespan.



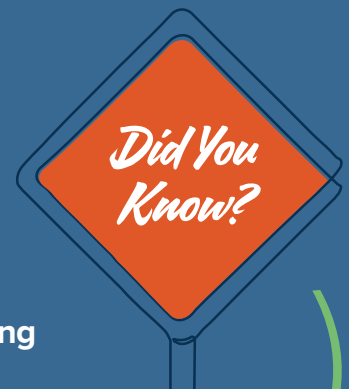
Interior and
Exterior Recoating



Roof
Replacement



Seismic
Strengthening



With proper care, reservoirs
can reliably serve the
community for 40–60 years
or even longer.

THE FUTURE IS FLOWING



From igniting student creativity to helping future water professionals find their flow, EVWD is making a difference close to home.



Early Education

Learning starts early! EVWD brings water education straight to the classroom with interactive presentations for students in kindergarten through 8th grade, turning lessons into hands-on experiences that spark curiosity.



Water and Wastewater Educational Pathway Program

Thinking about a future in water? The Pathways Internship Program lets students dive in and explore careers in the water and wastewater industry through meaningful, real-world experience.



Operator In Training (OIT) Program

For those ready to make waves, the District's OIT Program gives aspiring water professionals the training and experience needed to launch a rewarding path in the industry.



Educational programs engage residents of all ages through interactive learning and career exploration.

FUTURES BEGIN HERE.

MAKE A SPLASH

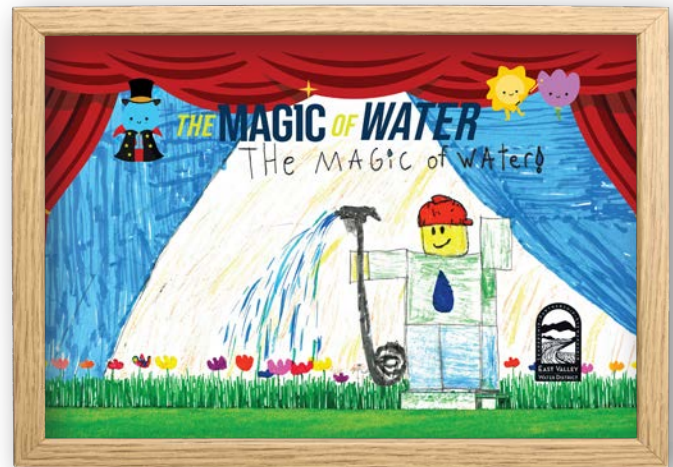
This year's Bottled Water Student Art Contest made waves with a theme that inspired local students to dive into the importance of protecting our most precious resource.

The Magic of Water theme invited students to let their imaginations shine and show the world that water isn't just essential, it's truly *enchanted*. From every stroke of color to every bold idea, these young artists proved that when it comes to water, the magic is real.

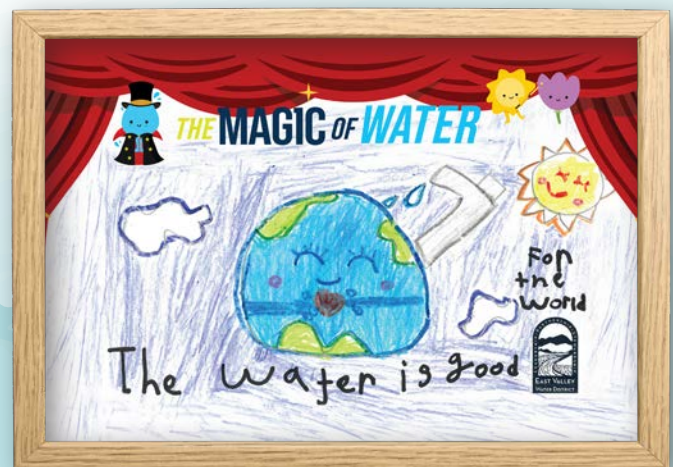
With so many outstanding entries submitted, selecting just three winners was no easy task.



Cram Elementary



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Q&A

With a Wastewater Treatment Pro



We caught up with **Wastewater Treatment Operator Ryan Cerros** to ask about the ins and outs of the job, the surprises that come with it, and what it takes to recycle nearly 8 million gallons of water a day while safeguarding public health.

How do people usually react when you tell them what you do?

They picture someone covered in, well, wastewater, but that's far from reality. I usually explain it the same way I tell my daughter, which is that I help make water clean.

What inspired you to pursue wastewater treatment?

It started in high school. We had a graduation requirement to job shadow a professional in any career, and a few family friends suggested looking into wastewater. That experience led to an internship, where I started as an Operator-in-Training. It felt like a leap of faith at the time, but I'm grateful I took it. Now, nine years later, I'm still passionate about what I do.

What does a typical day look like for you?

I usually start with control and data analysis to ensure treatment levels are where they should be. I pull samples for laboratory tests, complete a multipoint facility inspection, and take care of daily operations maintenance. It's a job that constantly challenges your critical-thinking skills.

No Two Days Are the Same

Why is wastewater treatment so important?

We live in a dry climate with limited water sources and a growing population, so it's essential that we treat and replenish what we use. Ultimately, it's about sustainability. Putting treated, recycled water back into the ground helps keep aquifers healthy and our water supply secure.

What's the weirdest thing you've found in the system?

A 2-inch x 4-inch piece of wood and a fully inflated basketball. How they got down there, I'll never know.



WATER SCIENCE ACTIVITY

Can you keep a piece of paper completely dry underwater?

Try this fun and simple science activity to discover how invisible air and pressure work together to protect the paper from getting wet.

What You'll Need:

- Large bowl filled with water, preferably a clear bowl
- Glass cup
- Food coloring (any color!)
- Piece of white paper



Steps:

- 1 Fill the bowl with water about 2/3 full.
- 2 Place 5 drops of food coloring into the bowl and mix.
- 3 Crumble the piece of paper and place it inside of the cup. Make sure the paper is placed inside tightly enough so that it doesn't fall out.
- 4 Turn the cup upside down and slowly place the cup inside of the bowl at a 90-degree angle (straight) down.
- 5 In the same straight motion, slowly pull the cup out.

The Science

The cup is not actually empty because it's filled with air! When the cup is pushed straight down into the water, the trapped air inside the cup takes up space and prevents water from entering.

This is similar to how pressure works in a drinking water system. Water pipes are designed to stay pressurized so water can move safely through the system and help keep contaminants from getting inside the pipes.



SAVING YOU A SEAT



The District is looking for residents to join the Community Advisory Commission (CAC)!



Scan the QR code to learn more and apply today.

The CAC offers a unique opportunity to learn more about local water and wastewater services, stay informed about important District projects, and be part of meaningful conversations that help support our community's future.

Whether you're interested in sustainability, infrastructure, community engagement, or simply looking for a way to get more involved, we encourage you to apply. Your perspective can help strengthen the programs and services that benefit residents.

Applications are now open!



*Community
Conversations*

Want to know more about District services, efficiency programs, or District projects?

Contact us at (909) 889-9501 or publicaffairs@eastvalleywater.gov to schedule a visit.

We'd love to meet with your community. Invite East Valley Water District staff to your next HOA or neighborhood meeting for a presentation and Q&A session.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Simple Ways to Be Efficient

- Fix Leaks Quickly
- Install High-Efficiency Fixtures and Appliances
- Water Between 6:00 PM and 6:00 AM to Reduce Evaporation
- Adjust Sprinklers Seasonally to Avoid Overwatering
- Choose Low Water Use Plants for Your Landscape

Outdoor and Indoor Rebate Programs



**WATER
EFFICIENT
LANDSCAPING**



**HIGH-
EFFICIENCY
TOILETS**



**SMART
IRRIGATION
CONTROLLERS**



**HIGH-
EFFICIENCY
FIXTURES**

Visit our website for details on how to participate:
eastvalleywater.gov/conservation

**Visit our demonstration gardens
for landscape inspiration.**

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Sterling Natural Resource Center (SNRC)

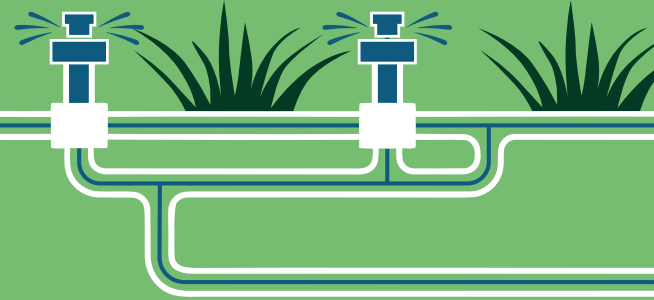
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EFFICIENT WATERING TIPS

- ✓ Keep water focused on your landscape, not sidewalks, driveways, or other hardscapes.
- ✓ Improve irrigation efficiency with pressure-regulated sprinklers and high-efficiency nozzles.
- ✓ Take the guess work out of watering with a smart controller. Watering times adjust to the weather, helping reduce overirrigation.
- ✓ Make every drop count by repairing irrigation leaks.



High-efficiency sprinkler nozzles can save 20%-40% water compared to older nozzles.



New Water Regulations

Starting January 1, 2028, with California AB 1572 going into effect, businesses and commercial properties will need to stop watering nonfunctional lawn. Nonfunctional lawn refers to an irrigated lawn that is purely decorative and not regularly used for recreation or public gatherings.



NONFUNCTIONAL LAWN

- Lawn in Medians, Roundabouts or Parking Lots
- Unused Patches Near Signage or Building Entries
- Decorative Lawn Along Sidewalks, Building Edges, or Fences
- Lawn Between Buildings with No Clear Use



Less Lawn More Possibilities Summit

HOAs, business and commercial property owners, and educational institutions are invited to **learn about the changes AB 1572 brings.**



Scan the QR code to learn more and RSVP today.



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LET'S CONNECT



Don't miss out! Follow the District on social media for events, activities, special announcements, and more.

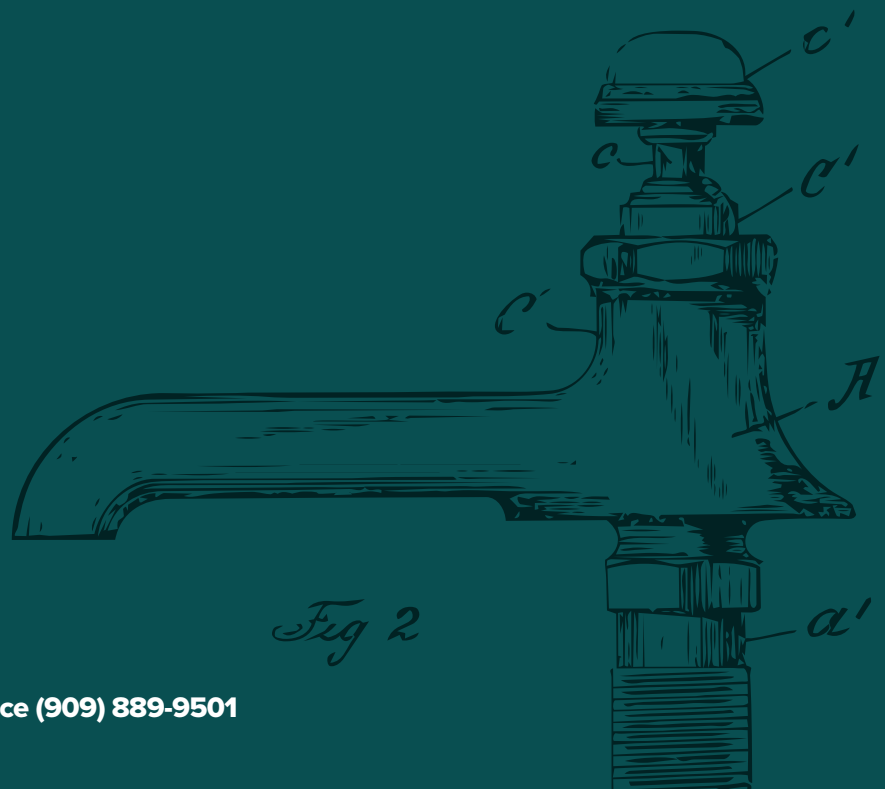
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Never Miss a Beat

Sign-up for District updates at
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Board Meetings

Second and Fourth Wednesday
of Each Month at 5:00pm
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Customer Service & After-Hours Emergency Service (909) 889-9501