## SAN ANTONIO WATER COMPANY

**CORPORATE COMMITMENT** 

SPRING EDITION 2024

To provide our shareholders with reliable and good quality water service at a cost effective rate

# SAWCO WATERWORKS

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## RAINFALL DATA

	2022	2023	2024
Jan.	.22	6.26	2.28
Feb.	.44	5.99	15.90
Mar.	1.84	10.86	6.10
April	1.06	1.44	
May.	.36	1.14	
June	.21	.79	
July	.00	.00	
Aug.	.00	2.94	
Sept.	1.65	.94	
Oct.	.99	.16	
Nov.	5.57	.81	
Dec.	5.13	1.28	
TOTAL	17.47	32.61	24.28

1958-2013 Annual rainfall average: 22.40° Rainfall data collected from www.usace.army

## **Annual Shareholder's Meeting**

Our Annual Shareholder's meeting will be held on April 9th @ 6:00 p.m. at Upland City Council chambers. During this time, we will review 2023 Water Company business, projects and finances. All shareholder's are welcome and should consider attending this meeting with their fellow shareholders. Hope to see you all there!



## Rain Fall

We've had a good rainy year so far in 2024. Six inches in March and we may see some rain in April as well. With that said please remember to shut off your sprinklers and save that water for the upcoming dry months. Turn them off before the rain event and keep them off up to 48 hours after the rain. This will save money and water to use when we need it most!



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## **GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER**

Happy Spring everyone! I hope your gardens are thriving and the sunshine is warming your hearts.

I am happy to report that we had a good start to the year. January, February and March have seen a series of storms providing us with a good amount of water. Our facilities at San Antonio Canyon and Cucamonga Canyon are currently diverting surface water into percolation ponds for long term storage in the local groundwater aquifers.

Good rainfall is welcome in Southern California. Rainfall is imperative to our shareholder's water supply given that SAWCO relies one hundred percent on local water. Assuming we are lucky enough to keep diverting sufficient water in our percolation ponds well into Spring, (maybe even Summer?) the likelihood of our percolating water turning into a temporary ecosystem increases. Why is that a concern? Because Spring and Summer are prime breeding times for mosquitos and other insects.



The San Antonio Water Company contracts with West Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (WVMVC) (<a href="https://www.wvmvcd.org">https://www.wvmvcd.org</a>) to monitor and treat our percolation ponds for mosquitos. The WVMVC is a publicly funded organization that provides important safety and educational work for the Inland Empire. From their website, "The District serves over 650,000 people residing in 6 cities: Chino, Chino Hills, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and surrounding county areas." I encourage everyone to visit their site and learn about this important agency and the battle being waged against *the deadliest animal in the world*. That's right... the tiny mosquito is considered the deadliest animal in the world. The US Center for Disease Con-

trol estimates over 700,000 deaths per year are caused by mosquitos. Other organizations put the number of worldwide deaths over one million.

Mosquitos can lay eggs in the smallest amount of water. That is why it is vital for all residents of SAWCO to canvas their yard and empty any stagnant water after our winter/spring rains. There are also plants that you can put in your garden that either attract mosquito eating animals or outright help repel the little scoundrels.

Please review the following links for an intriguing look at the deadliest animal in the world and ways in which you can help control the mosquito population in our region:

https://www.wvmvcd.org/mosquitoes-1
https://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/about/mosquitoes-in-the-us.html

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mosquito

https://www.thespruce.com/plants-that-repel-mosquitoes-4583885 (not endorsed by SAWCO, but a good read all the same)

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# What's Happening?

# CHINO BASIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CELEBRATES 75 YEARS THIS YEAR

In 1949, area residents voted to protect our water supply by creating the Chino Basin Water Conservation District. Their mission is to put water back in the aquifer, and they do that by capturing water from rainstorms in their network of recharge basins, allowing the water to soak into the ground where it is kept safe for later use. San Antonio Water Company (SAWCo) takes their water and stores it into these basins for California's inevitable droughts. SAWCo's Director, Kati Parker and Assistant General Manager Teri Layton currently sit on the 7 member board of the conservation district.

Recently we celebrated a time capsule event where we put in a 2022 San Antonio Water

Company's annual report. While the conservation district is turning 75 years old, San Antonio Water Company will be 142 years old this year. In the words of Alfred A. Montapert, "All lasting business is built on friendship."



Time Capsule Event January 18, 2024

### **SAWCo Waterworks**

is produced quarterly to keep San Antonio Water Company shareholders informed about water-related issues and upcoming events. If you have any questions or comments, please call the office at 909-982-4107.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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The San Antonio Water Co. is warning its community members about scams involving people posing as water agency employees to gain access to homes to "check water quality". SAWCo does NOT enter homes to check water quality.



SAWCo Employees: Wear SAWCo uniforms

Drive SAWCo marked vehicles

nly performs residential visits when a customer has made a request and/or a work order is generated

When in doubt, please call the office to verify an employee is working in your neighborhood.



Please welcome a new member to our staff, Osel. He has been with us since November 2023 and is a great addition to the field staff. He's a hard worker and is soaking in all that is involved in the Water company and San Antonio Heights. He previously worked with a pipeline contractor installing mainline and services. Osel is a family man and enjoys spending time with his family. He also enjoys watching football and baseball.

