

## **HHIA - Utility Report for Meeting on 2019.08.19**

Main San Gabriel Key Water Well Level updates:

**\*\* Historic Low: 169.4 ft. (on 2018.11.21)**

**Historic High: 295.30 ft. on 1983.07.20 (Since entry of judgment in 1973)**

**Current: (As of 2019.08.09), 201.9 ft. (68.37% to High).**

### **Related link:**

<http://www.watermaster.org/>

## **CA State Water Boards Press Releases**

### **Governor Newsom Signs Bill Creating Safe Drinking Water Fund**

Published: July 24, 2019

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SB 200 establishes a stable ongoing fund to help communities access safe drinking water.

SANGER —Governor Gavin Newsom today signed SB 200 by Senator Bill Monning (D-Carmel), which establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund to help local water systems provide safe drinking water.

In his first week in office, Governor Newsom proposed creating a permanent fund source for safe and clean drinking water projects. More than 1 million Californians lack access to clean drinking water at home, work or school, which negatively impacts their everyday life.

“The fact that more than a million Californians can’t rely on clean water to drink or bathe in is a moral disgrace,” said Governor Newsom. “Parents shouldn’t have to worry about their kids drinking from the water fountain at school, and families shouldn’t have to dump water over their heads to shower every day. This funding is critically important to addressing California’s long-standing safe drinking water issues, and I would like to thank the Legislature for working collaboratively to pass this solution.”

In June, Governor Newsom signed the 2019-20 state budget, which provides \$130 million to begin implementation of a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Program. SB 200 makes that money available for safe drinking water projects. SB 200 also requires the State Water Resources Control Board to develop a fund expenditure plan to identify failing water systems, as well as solutions to provide safe and affordable drinking water.

Governor Newsom today visited a small community neighborhood near Sanger, which struggles with safe drinking water issues. He spoke with families and members of the community that currently lack access to safe drinking water. Many of these families receive five 8-gallon jugs of water every two weeks through a grant program, which they use for drinking and cooking. When they run out, they risk using the water from their sink.

Additionally, SB 200 advances California’s climate resiliency goals by helping to secure water resources statewide. Climate change adversely affects water availability and can affect drinking water

quality. Rising temperatures can affect precipitation amounts and result in less reliable water supplies, which increase the need to use water supplies that contain contaminants and require treatment to meet drinking water standards. Disadvantaged communities are most impacted by climate change.

In February, Governor Newsom took several actions to bring safe drinking water to all Californians, including appropriating \$10 million for emergency drinking water projects and \$10 million to help bring local water districts into compliance with drinking water standards. He also directed drinking water funding for schools from the fiscal year 2018-19 budget to be given as grants to public agencies, public water systems or non-profit organizations to help with water management; and re-appropriated the balance of 2016 drinking water funds for schools.

For more information please visit this fact sheet on SB 200 and work done to date by the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water Programs.

**Related link:**

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/press\\_room/press\\_releases/2019.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/press_room/press_releases/2019.html)

**Southern California Gas**

**SoCalGas Alerts Customers About Possible Utility Earthquake Valve Scam**

**Customers in the City of Tustin report being approached by a door-to-door salesperson offering to install an earthquake shutoff valve and promising that SoCalGas will provide a rebate**

Jul 23, 2019

LOS ANGELES, July 23, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) today alerted customers about reports of a possible scam in areas impacted by recent earthquakes. Earlier this week, SoCalGas customers in the City of Tustin reported being approached by a door-to-door salesperson offering to install an earthquake shutoff valve and promising that SoCalGas would provide a rebate. While earthquake shutoff valves are available and can be installed by a licensed professional, SoCalGas does not currently offer a rebate for earthquake shutoff valves.

During an earthquake, SoCalGas advises customers not to shut off their own gas service unless they smell, hear, or see signs of a natural gas leak, and only if conditions are safe to do so. SoCalGas' natural gas system is resilient during earthquakes and shaking does not typically result in a natural gas leak. Customers should look, listen and smell for signs of a natural gas leak after an earthquake. If a gas leak is suspected, customers should evacuate everyone from the area immediately.

If customers turn off their natural gas during an earthquake or other emergency, they should never attempt to restore natural gas service themselves. Customers should instead call SoCalGas at 1-800-427-2200 (or 1-800-342-4545 in Spanish) to schedule an appointment to have their natural gas service safely restored by a professional.

In addition to knowing when to turn off your natural gas service, there are several steps customers can take to prepare for earthquakes or other emergencies. They include:

- **KEEP AN ADJUSTABLE WRENCH:** It's important to know where your natural gas meter is located and keep a 12-inch+ adjustable wrench near your building exit or next to your natural gas meter shut-off valve. Steps to safely turn off your natural gas meter can be found here: <https://www3.socalgas.com/stay-safe/emergency-information/shut-off-natural-gas>

- **SECURE WATER HEATER:** To keep your water heater from moving or toppling in an earthquake, customers should strap it firmly to the wall studs in two places - the upper and lower one-third of the tank – using heavy bolts and metal strapping. Be sure to place the lower strap at least four inches above the thermostat controls.
- **CHECK SAFETY DEVICES REGULARLY:** Check your safety devices, like smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, regularly to make sure they're working properly. Call SoCalGas or a qualified professional to inspect your furnace and other natural gas appliances for safe operation.
- **MAKE AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN:** Being prepared for an emergency means more than just having supplies available; it means having a written plan and practicing that plan with your family. Consider having a unique plan for each type of emergency, e.g. an earthquake; flood; house or wild fire; intruder; school or work emergency; and large chemical spills near your neighborhood.

If you are approached at home by someone claiming to be a SoCalGas representative, please remember: SoCalGas employees carry proper identification when called out to any job. Customers should verify the employee's proper uniform and identification before letting anyone in the home or on their property. SoCalGas employees will always be happy to wait while the customer confirms their identity.

For more information about some of the most common scams targeting utility customers, visit [www.socalgas.com/scam-alert](http://www.socalgas.com/scam-alert)

For a complete list of rebates offered by SoCalGas, visit our website.

For more information on emergency preparedness and other helpful emergency tips, visit [www.socalgas.com/beprepared](http://www.socalgas.com/beprepared)

**Related link:**

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137667>

**Southern California Edison**

**Southern California Edison Elects to Participate in Wildfire Insurance Fund**

July 25, 2019

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ROSEMEAD, Calif., July 25, 2019 — Southern California Edison today announced its commitment to contribute to the state’s wildfire insurance fund, authorized by the recently passed comprehensive wildfire legislation known as Assembly Bill 1054 (Holden, D-Pasadena).

California’s investor-owned utilities are required to inform the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) if they will be participating in the fund within 15 days after July 12 when Gov. Newsom signed the bill into law. SCE will make its first contribution to the fund by Sept. 10, as mandated by the legislation. SCE’s initial contribution to the fund will be approximately \$2.4 billion, with a total of \$10.5 billion expected to be contributed by all of the state’s investor-owned utilities. SCE will contribute approximately \$95 million to the fund on Jan. 1 of each year for 10 years.

“We appreciate the significant leadership that Gov. Newsom and the Legislature have shown and their willingness to act with urgency to address this wildfire crisis through the passage of Assembly Bill 1054 and companion measures. The state must ensure careful implementation and make some

refinements in the future to ensure their success; we will work hard to see those changes made,” said Pedro J. Pizarro, president and CEO of Edison International, SCE’s parent company. “This important legislation, with its crucial establishment of an insurance fund, works toward restoring California’s regulatory framework to provide the financial stability that utilities require to invest in system safety, reliability and resiliency while continuing to drive toward a **clean energy future.**”

AB 1054 establishes a wildfire fund to reimburse utilities for payment of third-party damage claims arising from certain wildfires that exceed, in aggregate in a calendar year, the greater of \$1 billion or the utility’s own insurance coverage.

SCE stated that it expects to fund its contributions to the insurance fund through a combination of debt financings and equity contributions from Edison International. SCE’s contributions to the fund will not be paid by electricity rates from customers and will be excluded from the company’s authorized capital structure.

**Related link:**

<https://newsroom.edison.com/releases/southern-california-edison-elects-to-participate-in-wildfire-insurance-fund>

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