

HHIA - Utility Report for Meeting on 2018.07.16

Main San Gabriel Key Water Well Level updates:

Historic Low: 172.20 ft. (on 2016.10.07)

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

Current: (As of 2018.06.08), 177.90 ft. (60.24% vs High; **1.82% less than June 2018.**)

Related link:

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

Local Groundwater Level: 20% of Capacity (same as June 2018)

Major Reservoir Condition in CA: 77% of Capacity (**9% less than June 2018**)

Local Rainfall: 46% of Season Normal

CA Snowpack Level: 0% of Normal to Date (vs. 17% in June 2018)

Related link:

<http://sgvmwd.org/>

CA State Water Boards Press Releases

Has Your School's Drinking Water Been Tested for Lead? New Online Maps Show Results for Lead Testing at Public Schools

For Release: **June 18, 2018**

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SACRAMENTO— The State Water Resources Control Board has released a new map-based web tool that shows which public schools in California have had their drinking water tested for lead.

“Our newly developed website allows the public to search the status of lead testing of drinking water at schools in their area,” said Darrin Polhemus, State Water Board’s Division of Drinking Water deputy director. “This tool allows the public to stay informed as we continue to receive more results from the mandatory testing of public schools.”

Under Assembly Bill 746, which took effect Jan. 1, community water systems statewide are now required to complete lead sampling on the drinking water supplies of K-12 public schools and day care and preschools on public school properties built before 2010. Water systems must complete this mandatory sampling by July 1, 2019.

With about 12 months to go before the deadline, approximately 30 percent of California’s 10,000 public schools have been sampled for lead. Water systems that do not complete this mandatory sampling could face enforcement action from the State Water Board’s Division of Drinking Water.

Most public, K-12 schools in California are served by the more than 1,200 community water systems in the state. While these community water systems extensively and regularly test their drinking water for lead, lead could get into clean water at a school campus if there were corroded pipes or old fixtures at the school.

Lead sampling is done at drinking fountains and faucets used for consumption and preparing food. A water system must report the testing results within two business days if any samples show lead levels above 15 parts per billion (ppb). Water systems have 10 business days to report results if samples show lead levels less than, or equal to, 15 ppb.

If a school's lead level exceeds 15 ppb, then the water system is required to sample water entering the school to help determine the possible source of lead. The school must also take several actions, including shutting down all fountains and faucets with high lead levels, providing potable drinking water until the situation is resolved, and notifying parents and guardians of students. Additional testing may be required to determine if all or just some of the school's fountains and faucets are required to be shut down.

Private schools are not required to be sampled under AB 746 but may request free sampling under the State Water Board's voluntary Lead Sampling in Schools Program, which remains in effect until Nov. 1, 2019.

Because California has newer infrastructure and less corrosive water than other parts of the country, less than 1 percent of all samples collected so far have detected elevated levels of lead.

However, national events have highlighted the importance of ongoing water quality monitoring and in 2015 Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. directed the State Water Board to incorporate schools into the regular water quality testing that community water systems conduct at customer's taps.

For more information on the Lead Sampling in Schools Program and information on AB 746, visit the State Water Board's webpage here.

Related link:

<https://waterboards.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=9d17731cae2c4452957fad5d8ee2d75>

Rowland Water District

AGENCY RELEASES DETAILS OF OPERATING BUDGET

Water System Upgrades and Security Are Priorities for 2018-2019

Rowland Heights, CA (June 20, 2018) – At the last regular board meeting on June 12, the Rowland Water District Board of Directors unanimously adopted its 2018-2019 budget, which will allocate funds for increased security and upgrades to the District's water system. At \$23.3 million dollars, this year's budget calls for only a slight increase of \$1.5 million as compared to fiscal year 2017-2018.

“Our new budget is not only fiscally responsible, but it will also allow us to continually provide affordable rates for our customers while managing our own increasing water costs as efficiently as possible,” explains Tom Coleman, Rowland Water District General Manager.

Budgeted priorities this year include system upgrades to the District's water distribution system, which involves water mainline replacement, large meter and valve replacements, updates for operations systems, including security for remote sites, installation of new water quality stations and the purchase of improved field equipment and new vehicles. In addition to this year's new and ongoing expenditures, Rowland Water is continually planning for potential drought events and future water usage demands,

while educating customers about important water conservation issues and legislation affecting California.

“The ability to maintain that personal connection to our customers is one of our greatest strengths, and as we have done for the past 65 years, Rowland will continue to safeguard precious resources and maintain facilities,” adds Coleman. “We will also continue to pursue additional water supply sources to decrease our reliance on more expensive imported supplies, and are always operating with an eye towards greater efficiency for the future. Every penny we spend is a reflection of that commitment.”

The District’s 2018-2019 budget can be viewed online at www.rowlandwater.com

Related link:

<https://www.rowlandwater.com/agency-releases-details-of-operating-budget/>

EXCELLENCE IN TRANSPARENCY TAKES CENTER STAGE AT ROWLAND WATER

District Recognized For Continued Dedication To Promoting Good Governance

June 4, 2018– Rowland Water District (RWD) is proud to announce it has garnered the 2018 Transparency Certificate of Excellence, courtesy of the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF). To receive the award, a special district must exemplify essential governance transparency requirements, such as conducting ethics training for board members, conducting open and public meetings, and filing timely financial transactions and compensation reports with the State Controller.

“We are humbled that the SDLF has seen fit to recognize the District in this esteemed manner,” says Szu Pei Lu-Yang, Rowland Water Board President. “This award is a tangible acknowledgement of our ongoing efforts at transparency in our interaction with customers, and demonstrates Rowland Water’s commitment to engaging the public in critical water issues that directly impact them.”

Special districts like Rowland Water are independent public agencies established by the voters to deliver core local services such as water, wastewater treatment, fire protection, parks and recreation, healthcare, sanitation, and more. Rowland Water District currently delivers 14 million gallons of safe drinking water to nearly 55,000 people each day.

“We are continually committed to being accessible to our customers, and to help empower them with quality information, including ongoing consumer initiatives like ‘Fix-a-Leak Week,’ in order for them to make the best water-related decisions for their households,” adds Lu-Yang.

SDLF is an independent, non-profit organization which provides oversight to ensure good governance and best practices among California’s special districts through certification, accreditation, and other recognition programs. Rowland Water is pleased to be among the dozens of public agencies recognized every year by SDLF.

To learn more about Rowland Water District, visit the District’s website at www.rowlandwater.com

Related link:

<https://www.rowlandwater.com/excellence-in-transparency-takes-center-stage-at-rowland-water/>

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State Senate Bill 623 Would Raise Money for Water System Upgrades, Private Wells Serving Disadvantaged Communities and Households

May 30, 2018 – Rowland Water District officials are monitoring the introduction of legislation that could impact customer rates or otherwise affect the state’s water industry. State Senate Bill 623, authored by Senator Bill Monning of Carmel, would establish a first-ever tax on drinking water to raise money for upgrades to small community water systems, and to private wells that serve disadvantaged communities and households. The bill is now included in the Brown Administration budget trailer bill for 2018.

“The money collected from this tax will be deposited into the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund,” says Tom Coleman, Rowland Water District General Manager. “Local water agencies would collect the tax and send it to Sacramento to be allocated by the State Water Resources Control Board. In collaboration with local health officials, The Board would develop a map of areas where drinking water does not meet state and federal standards, and it is these areas that would be eligible for funding,” he explains.

The bill would levy a tax of 95 cents per month on the bills of retail water customers and up to \$10 per month for businesses. It also calls for fertilizer and dairy fees to help more than 300 communities with water quality and contamination issues, many of them in California’s Central Valley. That money could also be used for short-term fixes such as bottled water for communities in need. The amount of this tax could be increased each year and is expected to generate close to \$110 million per year.

A February 2018 statewide survey on behalf of the Association of California Water Agencies found that 73 percent of voters oppose the legislation, instead preferring to use existing funding sources to improve water quality for those communities needing assistance.

“We encourage our customers to reach out with any questions or concerns they may have about this new legislation and how it could potentially impact their water rates,” adds Coleman. “Education is the key here, and it is important that our valued consumers be informed about this process.”

To learn more about State Senate Bill 623, call Rowland Water District at (562) 697-1726 or visit the District’s website at www.rowlandwater.com

Related link:

<https://www.rowlandwater.com/rowland-water-district-keeping-an-eye-on-potential-water-tax-legislation-that-could-impact-customers/>

Southern California Gas Co.

Renewable Natural Gas Produced in California by CR&R Flows into SoCalGas Pipelines for First Time

Locally-produced carbon-neutral renewable fuel harnesses wasted energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and conserves landfill space.

LOS ANGELES, July 2, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) and waste management company CR&R Environmental (CR&R) today announced they are now injecting renewable natural gas produced at CR&R's anaerobic digestion facility in Perris, Calif., into SoCalGas pipelines. This is the first renewable natural gas produced within California to be introduced into SoCalGas' pipeline system. Renewable natural gas is a carbon-negative fuel produced from waste that can be used in trucks and buses, to generate electricity, fuel heating systems in home and businesses, and for cooking. The renewable natural gas from CR&R's digestion facility is used to fuel about 400 of CR&R's waste hauling trucks.

"SoCalGas is committed to delivering cost effective solutions to our customers that both reduce emissions linked to climate change and keep energy bills affordable," said Sharon Tomkins, SoCalGas vice president of customer solutions and strategy. "The relationship with CR&R is a great example of a smart investment by CR&R that delivers immediate and meaningful air quality improvements to communities and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the state."

"California is transitioning to low-carbon transportation fuels and zero emission vehicles in order to meet our climate change goals, clean air standards, and petroleum reduction goals," said California Energy Commissioner Janea A. Scott. "There are multiple pathways to reduce and eliminate pollution from our transportation sector. The Energy Commission is pleased to invest in projects like CR&R's anaerobic digestion facility to help demonstrate one of these pathways and to grow in-state production of low-carbon transportation fuels."

"We need clean fuels to achieve clean air," said Wayne Nasti, executive officer of the South Coast Air Quality Management District. "This local production and distribution of renewable natural gas will reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and enhance our ability to reduce emissions from the region's heavy-duty vehicles."

CR&R is producing renewable natural gas using organic waste collected in Southern California cities' green waste bins and processed in an anaerobic digester believed to be the largest and most automated in the world. This biogas is upgraded to the same standards and specifications of traditionally-sourced natural gas and then put into a new 1.4-mile section of SoCalGas pipeline.

Another source of renewable energy for California

As California policymakers have sought to expand the production and use of renewable energy, SoCalGas has been working to increase the amount of renewable natural gas produced in California and delivered to its customers. Renewable natural gas can be produced from waste at landfills, wastewater treatment plants, food processing and dairies.

The collection of methane from landfills, wastewater treatment plants, agriculture and dairies is essential for California to meet the climate change and air quality goals outlined in existing law. That methane can then be used as renewable natural gas for transportation, home heating, hot water, cooking, industrial uses, and to generate electricity.

Consumer preference polls support the increased production and use of renewable natural gas. Research shows nine out of 10 California families use natural gas in their homes and prefer it by a margin of 4 to 1 over electricity. In addition, strong majorities of consumers—nearly 80 percent—prefer to use natural gas for cooking in their homes, and nearly two-thirds of consumers believe gas is their most affordable energy choice. According to the American Gas Association (AGA), households

that use natural gas for water and space heating, cooking and clothes drying save an average of \$874 per year compared to homes using electricity for those applications.

In addition, unlike solar and wind energy, renewable natural gas is available when needed—day or night—for use in homes or electric generation.

Renewable natural gas from other states has already begun to clean the air and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in California's transportation sector, which accounts for more than 80 percent of smog forming emissions and about 40 percent of greenhouse gas emissions in the state. The latest generation of natural gas engines for heavy duty vehicles can reduce smog-forming emissions by more than 90 percent. When fueled with renewable natural gas, they can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent or more. Already, more than 60 percent of natural gas trucks in California are fueled by renewable gas delivered by SoCalGas pipelines.

For more information on renewable natural gas, go to: socialgas.com/smart-energy

About CR&R Environmental Services

CR&R Incorporated is Southern California's most innovative and successful waste and recycling management company, serving more than 3 million people and over 25,000 businesses throughout Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Imperial and Riverside counties. In addition, the company has operations in Southern Arizona and Colorado. Thanks to groundbreaking technologies and pioneering reclamation programs, CR&R recycles over 500,000 tons of materials each year, creating cleaner communities, reducing air and water pollution, conserving landfill space and extending natural resources. This anaerobic digestion plant located in Perris, California is currently the only renewable natural gas plant delivering into SoCalGas' pipeline system.

Related link:

<https://www.rowlandwater.com/rowland-water-district-keeping-an-eye-on-potential-water-tax-legislation-that-could-impact-customers/>

SoCalGas Joins State Senator Leyva to Kick Off Second Round of State Pilot Program that Provides Safer, More Reliable Natural Gas Service to Mobile Home Park Residents

Program extension will enhance safety and reliability through direct utility service to 6,400 mobile homes in 65 parks throughout SoCalGas' territory.

LOS ANGELES, June 29, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) today joined State Senator Connie M. Leyva (D-Chino) at a groundbreaking ceremony to kick off the second round of the company's Mobile Home Park (MHP) Utility Upgrade Program. Through the pilot program, SoCalGas replaces aging, privately-owned, natural gas distribution systems with new pipelines and advanced meter technology, providing direct utility service to mobile home park residents. These upgrades enhance safety, improve the reliability of natural gas service, and help customers save energy and money by letting them track their daily and hourly natural gas usage, receive bill tracker alerts, and participate in other money-saving programs. Since the MHP Utility Upgrade Program began in 2014, SoCalGas has upgraded 189 mobile home parks, providing direct utility service and advanced meter technology to nearly 10,500 customers.

Today's groundbreaking marked the start of construction at Foothill Village Mobile Home Park in Pomona, California. Photos of this morning's event are available here.

"Natural gas is the most affordable and reliable clean energy in California, and, through the Mobilehome Park Utility Upgrade Program, residents benefit from brand new pipelines that are safe and equipped with advanced meter technology that helps families manage their energy costs," said Gina Orozco-Mejia, vice president of gas distribution for SoCalGas. "In addition, the more than 10,000 families who have participated in the program have gained access to a full suite of energy-saving solutions that help keep their bills low and reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

"As Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Manufactured Home Communities, I am pleased to join SoCalGas as it launches the next round of this important program that will help mobile home residents in Pomona and other communities stay informed, conserve energy and save money," said State Senator Connie M. Leyva (D-Chino). "This overall investment will help improve the quality of life for residents who live in communities with aging or failing infrastructure."

"We are very fortunate to have Foothill Village Mobile Home Park participating in the program as it offers both owners and residents tremendous safety benefits that in turn help to extend the life of the park," said Rheannon Arciniega, regional property manager at Bessire and Casenhiser, Inc. "Many of our mobile home parks have already participated in the program, and we have been extremely satisfied with the process and outcome. We look forward to bringing those same results to Foothill Village, working together with SoCalGas."

Successful Pilot Program Extended by Public Utilities Commission

In March 2014, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved a voluntary, statewide, three-year pilot program referred to as the Mobile Home Park (MHP) Utility Upgrade Program, authorizing each investor-owned utility to convert 10 percent of master-metered gas and/or electric MHP spaces within its operating territory to direct utility service by replacing their parks' energy distribution system with a new, professionally installed system.

Following a well-received initial pilot, the CPUC voted unanimously last September to extend the pilot program through December 31, 2019, authorizing SoCalGas to convert another 5 percent of MHP spaces to direct utility service. The extension of the program will provide enhanced safety and reliability through direct utility service to an additional 6,400 mobile homes in 65 parks throughout SoCalGas' territory.

In addition to infrastructure upgrades that enhance safety and service reliability, the program provides customers with tools to help manage their energy costs and keep bills affordable. Newly installed advanced meters will give customers the ability to view and receive alerts about their natural gas consumption, pay bills online, schedule service, and sign up for paperless billing. The program also offers income-qualified customers access to no-cost weatherization services through the Energy Savings Assistance Program and to a 20 percent rate discount through the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE).

Other mobile home parks in Pomona, California that SoCalGas has already converted to direct utility service under the first round of the pilot program include Rose Villa Mobile Home Park and Woodlawn Mobile Home Park.

Direct natural gas service to mobile home park residents is just one way SoCalGas helps to keep its customers' energy bills as low as possible. Since 1990, SoCalGas energy efficiency and rebate programs have saved customers more than \$670 million. The utility offers more than 90 energy efficiency programs that deliver close to \$161 million in annual cost savings directly to its customers.

Natural gas is the most affordable, reliable, clean, and increasingly renewable energy choice for home and water heating and cooking in Southern California and is used by more than 90 percent of residents in the region. According to the American Gas Association (AGA), households that use natural gas for water and space heating, cooking and clothes drying save an average of \$874 per year compared to homes using electricity for those applications.

Related link:

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137478>

Southern California Edison

Edison International's Sustainability Report Highlights Movement on Clean Energy Pathway

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June 20, 2018 ROSEMEAD, Calif., June 20, 2018 — Edison International has released its 2017 Sustainability Report reflecting its sustainability strategy and 2017 sustainability performance and related metrics. The report covers Edison International's work to bring about a clean energy future and to operate its businesses with excellence by focusing on customers, communities and employees.

"We're committed to a sustainable future for all of our stakeholders, which is why we're leading the way on clean energy and doing our part to respond to broader societal challenges like climate change," said Pedro Pizarro, president and CEO of Edison International. "I'm proud of the work we do and the partnerships we've built to serve our customers with the long-term view in mind."

Key 2017 sustainability achievements outlined in the report include:

- Partnering with California to achieve climate change and air pollution goals
 - Delivered 46 percent carbon-free electricity to Southern California Edison customers
 - Installed infrastructure for 803 electric vehicle charge ports
 - Averaged 3,574 residential solar installations per month

- Operating and serving with excellence
 - Achieved a seven-year record low for the average outage duration for customers (SAIDI score)
 - Maintained the lowest system average rate of California's investor-owned utilities
 - Kept customer monthly bills 27 percent below the national average

- Received national recognition as a "best place to work" for diversity practices, disability equality and LGBT equality

Edison International's commitment to sustainability helps it deliver Energy for What's Ahead to its customers, communities and employees. Read more about the company's Clean Power and Electrification Pathway vision to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants and see its 2017 Sustainability Report.

Related link:

<https://newsroom.edison.com/releases/edison-internationals-sustainability-report-highlights-movement-on-clean-energy-pathway>

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