

## HHIA - Utility Report for Meeting on 2018.03.19

Main San Gabriel Key Water Well Level updates:

Historic Low: 172.20 ft. (As of 2016.10.07)

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

Current: (As of 2018.01.12), 183.20 ft. (62.04% vs High; less than previous month @ 183.70 ft.

### Related link:

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

Local Groundwater Level: 19% of Capacity (same as Feb. 2018)

Major Reservoir Condition in CA: 67% of Capacity (down from 68% in Feb. 2018)

Local Rainfall: 22% of Season Normal (up from 15% in Feb. 2018)

CA Snowpack Level: 38% of Normal to Date (up from 24% in Feb. 2018)

### Related link:

<http://sgvmwd.org/>

## Rowland Water District

District Employee Partners with Local Educator To Create Fun, Hands-On Learning Tool for Area Students

(Mar. 5, 2018) – The Wonderful World of Water, a creative classroom presentation that focuses on the importance of water conservation, is now available to area third graders throughout the District. The illustrated story was written by Brittnie Van De Car, Public Affairs Representative for Rowland Water District, and Joan Strasser-Durrin, an educator at Rowland Elementary School.

“We developed this story because we felt our third-grade curriculum was lacking in this critical subject area of water conservation,” explains Van De Car. “We wanted it to be as hands on as possible, and we are so excited to finally present this fun and educational tale to area schoolchildren.”

The Wonderful World of Water centers on the fictional characters Wendy Water Wise and Wally Water Drop. As the pair falls from the sky one day, they meet Trevor the Tortoise, who provides them with important, yet often overlooked water conservation tips such as taking shorter showers and fixing broken sprinklers.

“In order to make the story fun for these students, we created some adorable illustrations which we felt would truly bring these loveable, imaginary characters to life and also help to round out this engaging story,” Van De Car continues.

The two-day in-class presentation includes a conservation lesson, coloring, science, and journal activities, a word search, vocabulary worksheet, and a chart that allows students to track their own water use. Hundreds of area children are expected to benefit from this program annually.

“Rowland Water is so pleased to see our impact in the classroom first hand,” says General Manager Tom Coleman. “This project has been a labor of love for Brittnie and we are extremely proud to see the end result received so positively by teachers, students and families in and around our community.”

For educators interested in bringing The Wonderful World of Water to their school, contact Brittnie Van De Car at (562) 697-1726. To learn more about Rowland Water District, visit the District's website at [www.rowlandwater.com](http://www.rowlandwater.com).

**Related link:**

<https://www.rowlandwater.com/the-wonderful-world-of-water-is-coming-to-a-classroom-near-you/>

**March 6, 2018** – The Rowland Water District (RWD) Board of Directors recently completed a review of its annual audit and approved the findings at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 12.

The audit by White Nelson Diehl Evans examined financial activity during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2017, and is required by state law for public agencies. The audit ensures that proper accounting procedures are followed and that public funds are being used properly, fairly and effectively to the optimal public benefit.

“Every year, we have an outside accounting firm go over every aspect of the District’s finances,” said Tom Coleman, Rowland Water District General Manager. “The audit process promotes efficiency, effectiveness and accountability, as it confirms that we are operating properly and within state guidelines. It’s an incredibly important process for our District.”

The accounting firm found zero instances of non-compliance and provided positive remarks on the District’s internal control over fiscal reporting.

“We are very pleased with the audit process and findings,” said Szu Pei Lu-Yang, Rowland’s Board President. “Rowland’s strong financial health positions the District to provide long-term, reliable, cost-effective service to our customers.”

Rowland Water’s strategic plan “Effective Action for Sustainable Progress,” identifies goals and priorities for the agency, including: securing a reliable, long-term water supply for the region; enhancing communication with customers and other stakeholders; and building increased value into all services the District provides.

“Wise financial stewardship is one of the key initiatives emphasized by the District’s Board of Directors, added Coleman. “This year’s audit is an affirmation of just how seriously we take fiscal responsibility and transparency on behalf of our ratepayers.”

The annual audit report can be found on Rowland Water District’s website, [www.rowlandwater.com](http://www.rowlandwater.com).

**Related link:**

<https://www.rowlandwater.com/rowland-water-receives-high-marks-in-annual-audit/>

## **Suburban Water Company**

March 10, 2017

2017 SWWC Writing Contest Winner

Mia Parker beat out 135 fellow students in this year’s SouthWest Water Company writing contest, receiving \$500 in gift cards and accolade from her school’s staff and peers.

Parker, an eighth-grade student at Park Crest Middle School, received the grand-prize award for her essay, “Starbank.” SouthWest Water Company Director of Operations Gary Rose paid Parker a visit at her school Friday to give her the good news.

Parker was among five other finalists selected from Cele, Dessau, Kelly Lane, Pflugerville and Westview middle schools. The contest is in its fifth year.

“We were thrilled to see so many students participate and to read inspiring stories, poems and essays describing how water impacts students’ lives and the world today,” Rose said in a news release. “It has been a pleasure to provide this contest in the Pflugerville community for five years; we always look forward to recognizing students for their hard work.”

Finalists who received \$100 gift cards were Runa Hall of Cele Middle, Teegan Pegues of Dessau Middle, Nyka Milligan of Kelly Lane Middle, Ellianna Bryant of Pflugerville Middle and Ariel Barahona of Westview Middle.

Essays were scored anonymously by a panel of school district English and language arts teachers.

## **Southern California Gas Co.**

### **Discovery Cube LA Updates Award-Winning Home Inspector Training Exhibit to Provide Energy Conservation, Affordability and Natural Gas Safety Information**

#### **\$100,000 shareholder donation from SoCalGas provides visitors the chance to learn about natural gas safety and how energy conservation can address air pollution, combat climate change**

March 6, 2018

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Discovery Cube LA today announced that with the help of Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) it has enhanced its award-winning “Inspector Training Course” to show the role natural gas plays in keeping home energy affordable and safe. SoCalGas presented Discovery Cube with a \$100,000 check this morning, which the organization will use for multiple initiatives to bring STEM education to life for visitors. Over the past 18 years, SoCalGas has donated more than \$400,000 to both Discovery Cube campuses in Los Angeles and Orange County. Photos of the event are available [here](#).

“We are thrilled to be a part of enhancing this award-winning interactive exhibit,” said Trisha Muse SoCalGas director of community relations. “It looks like a real home and gives kids the chance to learn about energy affordability, safety, and efficiency, as well as the role natural gas is playing to support a healthy economy and environment.”

“SoCalGas has been an amazing community partner, not only in helping us pursue our mission to educate kids on STEM topics, but in helping families conserve energy and help the environment,” said Wendy Greuel, vice-chair of Discovery Cube LA. “The over 200,000 students and families who visit the Cube annually will benefit from the lessons learned in this exhibit for decades to come, thus creating transformational change that will not only better our community, but the entire region.”

The Inspector Training Course exhibit is a technologically groundbreaking scavenger hunt that teaches kids and parents about energy conservation and sustainability in their own homes. Visitors are outfitted

with tablets and go on immersive quests with the opportunity to learn about: gas safety, energy efficiency, energy conservation, and how gas, electricity and renewable energy work together. This exhibit lets families become more familiar with the role natural gas plays in their everyday lives, and the importance of using gas in a safe and environmentally friendly way.

Discovery Cube inspires and educates young minds through engaging science-based programs and exhibits to create a meaningful impact on the communities they serve. Their mission is brought to life through the cornerstones of their four core initiatives, including: STEM Proficiency, Early Learning, Healthy Living and Environmental Stewardship. SoCalGas has been a longtime supporter of the Discovery Cube and its work to encourage STEM learning and to create community initiatives to live in a more efficient and eco-friendly way.

For more information on the exhibit, visit [la.discoverycube.org](http://la.discoverycube.org).

**Related link:**

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137433>

**Traffic Advisory: Pipeline Modernization Project along 190th Street in Torrance and Redondo Beach to Begin on March 5**

**Infrastructure upgrades are part of a multi-billion-dollar safety enhancement program**

Mar 2, 2018-

**WHAT:** SoCalGas will be performing a pipeline modernization project on West 190th Street between South Inglewood Avenue in Redondo Beach to Crenshaw Place in Torrance.

To perform this pipeline improvement project safely, eastbound and westbound lanes on 190th Street will be reduced periodically. Left lanes in both directions will be closed to traffic for approximately two miles, as shown in this link.

During work hours, drivers passing by the work site may see excavation, equipment and vehicles. Traffic control message boards, cones and flagmen will help direct the flow of traffic.

No interruption to natural gas service is anticipated.

During the construction work, customers may smell the odor of natural gas. Although this is normal when crews are working, SoCalGas encourages anyone who smells gas to call us at 1-800-427-2200. SoCalGas is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**WHERE:** 190th Street between West 190th Street between South Inglewood Avenue and Crenshaw Place in Redondo Beach and Torrance, as shown in this link.

**WHEN: LANE REDUCTIONS:** Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., starting Monday, March 5 through September 2018, as weather and other factors permit.

**NOTE:** This effort is part of SoCalGas' Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP), a multi-billion-dollar program that tests and updates the natural gas pipeline infrastructure in Southern California. From 2011 through 2016, the company invested nearly \$6 billion to upgrade and modernize its natural gas system to enhance safety and reliability.

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**Related link:**

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137433>

**Four Days Remain to Take Advantage of SoCalGas Smart Thermostat Program Offer of Up to \$75 in Incentives**

**Incentive for enrolling in conservation program combined with \$50 in purchase rebates offers up to \$125 in money back for smart thermostats buyers**

Feb 26, 2018

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) today reminded customers only four days remain to register for this winter's Smart Thermostat Program, which closes this Thursday, March 1. The program gives customers up to \$75 in incentives to register an ecobee or Nest smart thermostat to conserve natural gas for home heating this winter. Smart thermostats give users the ability to remotely control their home's temperature via a smartphone, tablet or desktop computer; some are even controllable with virtual assistants like Amazon's Alexa and Google Home.

"Smart thermostats are a great way to save money on natural gas bills, especially during the colder weather we're having now," said Dan Rendler, director of customer programs and assistance at SoCalGas. "The energy cost savings, combined with our Smart Thermostat Program incentives, plus \$50 in rebates, make this a great time to buy one of these thermostats."

Customers participating in the Smart Thermostat Program agree to allow minor adjustments to be made to their thermostat temperature settings for a few hours on days when SoCalGas calls a Natural Gas Conservation event. These events help lower the risk of possible natural gas shortages when demand is at its highest. Participants are notified at least two hours before any adjustments are made via their smart thermostat, web portal, mobile app and/or email.

Owners of ecobee or Nest-registered devices with natural gas-heated homes in SoCalGas' service territory are eligible to participate in the Smart Thermostat Program, with the exception of those enrolled in Southern California Edison's (SCE) Save Power Days summertime electric demand response program. SoCalGas and SCE are working on a process that will allow dual-enrollment across both programs by next winter.

SoCalGas customers who enroll in the program will receive \$50 for signing up by March 1 and another \$25 for staying enrolled through the duration of the program, which concludes on April 1. These incentives can combine with a \$50 purchase rebate on a smart thermostat for a total of \$125 in savings for customers who take advantage of all three. Customers who participated in the SoCalGas Advisory Thermostat Program with ecobee devices last year will receive \$25 for their full participation in the Smart Thermostat Program this year.

In Southern California, more than 90 percent of residents use natural gas to heat their home and hot water. According to the American Gas Association, households that use natural gas for water and home heating, cooking and clothes drying save an average of \$874 per year compared to homes using electricity for those applications.

SoCalGas is a leader in energy conservation, helping to keep natural gas bills affordable for customers and protecting the environment. Since 1990, the company's energy efficiency and rebate programs have helped families and businesses save approximately \$672 million on their natural gas bills and reduced emissions equal to taking almost 700,000 cars off the road.

**Related link:**

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137428>

## **Southern California Edison**

### **SCE Seeks New Clean Energy Resources in Ventura, Santa Barbara Areas**

#### **Request for Proposals issued to meet Moorpark sub-area local capacity needs**

February 28, 2018

Media Contact: Robert Laffoon Villegas, (626) 302-2255

ROSEMEAD, Calif., Feb. 28, 2018 — Southern California Edison issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking to add [clean power](#) resources to meet long-term local capacity requirements in the Moorpark sub-area of its electrical system known as the Big Creek/Ventura local reliability area.

The RFP targets resources connecting to the Moorpark, Santa Clara and Goleta substations that comprise the Moorpark sub-area. Resources contracted through the RFP that connect to the Goleta substation will further resiliency objectives in Goleta and Santa Barbara.

“Unlike other solicitations to increase capacity of the [overall electric system](#), this solicitation specifically seeks to meet local needs in the Moorpark area,” said Colin Cushnie, SCE vice president of Energy Procurement & Management. “SCE is targeting clean energy resources to meet this need.”

A bidder’s conference is planned for March 15 at 1 p.m. (PDT). Conference details will be provided to those who register on the RFP website at [scemoorparkgoletarfp.accionpower.com](http://scemoorparkgoletarfp.accionpower.com).

Projects that meet the RFP requirements can participate in the competitive bidding process, which will be monitored by an independent evaluator to ensure a consistent and fair process.

#### **RFP Eligible Preferred Resource Products Include:**

- Demand Response (Behind the Meter or “BTM”)
- Permanent Load Shift (BTM)
- Energy Efficiency (BTM)
- Renewable Generation (BTM & In Front of Meter “IFOM”)
- Renewable Generation / Energy Storage Hybrid (BTM & IFOM)
- Energy Storage (IFOM)