INVESTING FOR TODAY AND THE FUTURE

Just like your home and car, your public water system needs regular maintenance and upgrades to continue operating as expected.

Our construction projects, like pipeline replacements and water pump upgrades, are funded with rates you pay for water service and help ensure water service is available whenever you need it.

As a public, not for profit agency, we take pride in completing these projects safely, on time and cost-effectively. Here are two recent projects:

**CHEMICAL STORAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT** improved safety and ensured plant reliability at our Randall-Bold Water Treatment Plant in Oakley.

**OVERHILL ROAD MAIN REPLACEMENTS PROJECT** replaced 3.5 miles of water pipes and installed 44 fire hydrants to improve water service reliability and fire protection in North Concord.

Find out more about how we’re improving your water system at ccwater.com/projects

EMBRACING OUR DIVERSITY

We know that a diverse and inclusive workforce is a stronger workforce. And a stronger workforce is one that can better understand and meet the needs of our customers. Over the past year, we’ve been laser focused on weaving the values of diversity and inclusion throughout our organization. We’ve created a new Diversity and Inclusion Department and we’ve established an employee-led Advisory Council.

As part of these initiatives, we recently released a strategic five-year Diversity and Inclusion Master Plan. This master plan will guide us for the next five years in creating a more diverse and inclusive organization and we’re already starting to implement actions of that plan. We invite you to read this report at ccwater.com.
‘TIS THE SEASON TO CONSERVE

The holidays are here and as community health restrictions ease, you probably have a lot on your mind as you consider playing host to friends and family. Here’s another thing you’ll want to consider: increased water use.

During this time of year, the average household uses about 150 gallons per day. Throw in a few house guests—as well as the extra dishes, laundry, showers, and cooking—and you’ll see that figure climb quickly.

CALIFORNIA DROUGHT

With the start of a new water year on Oct. 1, most of the state remained in drought conditions. At that time, our Los Vaqueros Reservoir had around 30 billion gallons of water stored. With your help using water wisely, that storage will get us through another dry winter.

Stay up to date with the drought and find new ways to save water at ccwater.com/drought

DIVISION BOUNDARIES MAY BE REDRAWN

Following the release of 2020 Census data, Contra Costa Water District may need to adjust the boundaries for its five electoral divisions. This process, often called redistricting, aims to ensure fair and equitable representation on the Contra Costa Water District Board of Directors. Each time the Census is conducted, we review existing electoral divisions to ensure they are substantially equal in population and reflect changes in demographics.

Stay up to date about the redistricting process and view the current divisions at ccwater.com/426

TURN OFF THE TAP

Stop the flow if doing dishes by hand. Instead, scrape waste into the green bin or the trash and fill the sink with soapy water.

RUN FULL LOADS

Whether doing the dishes or removing stains, reduce the number of cycles and run full loads.

KEEP IT COOL

Your guests may prefer cold water. Keeping a pitcher of water in the fridge avoids running the tap until the water is cool.

FIXATE ON FIXTURES

Upgrade common fixtures like faucet aerators and shower heads. These items are free at Contra Costa Water District’s main office and add up to big savings!

SLOW THAW

Thawing foods in the sink takes a lot of hot water. Instead, let your frozen foods thaw overnight in the fridge. You’ll save water and energy!

TIME OUT

Don’t forget to adjust your outdoor water use for winter. Be sure your irrigation system is turned off and only water manually if needed. Now is also a great time to perform irrigation maintenance. Fix damaged equipment and protect against freezing temps.