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Urban Water Management Plan

Every 5 years, SSWD is required, by the Department of Water Resources, to prepare and update its Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs). The UWMP include an assessment of the reliability of water sources over a 20-year planning time frame, a description of how they manage demand, a water shortage contingency plan, and a discussion of the use and planned use of recycled water.

On May 18 at 5:00 p.m., SSWD will hold a Public Hearing to present the updated UWMP to its customers and other interested parties. To participate in the Public Meeting, you can attend in person at SSWD's administration office located at 3701 Marconi Ave., or online via Zoom. Details on how to participate online can be found at <https://www.sswd.org/about/meeting-agendas-packets-minutes>.

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Water Forum 2050: Charting a Way to a Sustainable Future

In the 1990s, a concerned, diverse group of community leaders, including businesses, farmers, environmentalists, water agencies, citizen groups, and local governments, joined together to develop a plan to protect the region's water supply. They spent seven years negotiating and developing a comprehensive agreement that balanced two coequal and important objectives:

- provide a reliable and safe water supply for the Sacramento region's long-term growth and economic health through the year 2030.
- and preserve the fishery, wildlife, recreational, and aesthetic values of the lower American River.

In 2000, 40 agencies and businesses, including the Northridge Water District, one of the two predecessor agencies of Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD), culminated their efforts by signing the Water Forum Agreement, a 30-year framework for managing and protecting water in the American River basin.

Over the past twenty-five years, the Water Forum has invested in research and developed guidelines that have helped ensure adequate cold water for salmon and steelhead trout, while also strengthening the reliability of the region's water supplies. The experts involved in the Water Forum have created detailed underwater maps that guide efforts to improve salmon and steelhead spawning habitats without risking flood safety.

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Save the Date: Mulch Mayhem is Saturday, May 16

Mulch Mayhem returns on Saturday, May 16, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. It's your chance to get free water-saving mulch for your yard.

Please bring a shovel, tarp, or container to take it home. This event is first-come, first-served, while the mulch lasts.

Mulch Mayhem will take place at 917 Enterprise Dr., Sacramento, CA 95825. Visit www.sswd.org for more information.



The Water Forum has also aided in protecting the region's groundwater by monitoring its levels and encouraging the development of conjunctive use programs, such as those of SSWD, which have helped the groundwater basin recover to sustainable levels.

Over the past few years, a new agreement, Water Forum 2050 (WF2050), has been developed to address the threats posed by climate change and focuses on five key program areas:

- American River Flows and Operations: Protecting water flows and temperatures to support fish and ecosystem health
- American River Corridor Health: Restoring natural habitats while balancing human and environmental needs
- Regional Water Supply Sustainability: Supporting water providers in managing surface and groundwater supplies
- Science, Monitoring & Decisions Support: Continuing the scientific research undertaken by the Water Forum
- Governance, Funding & Administration: Making sure the Water Forum continues to be an effective, well-resourced, and transparent organization

Groundwater Wells Opening Ceremony

On Monday, March 9, SSWD commissioned three new groundwater wells in the North Service Area. The new groundwater wells were made possible by support from SSWD ratepayers and an \$18.84 million grant from the California Department of Water Resources. The wells will replace those that have reached the end of their service lives and strengthen reliability for families, schools, and businesses in Antelope and the surrounding communities.

Participants in the ribbon-cutting event included U.S. Representative Ami Bera, California State Senator Roger Niello, Sacramento County Supervisor Rich Desmond, SSWD Board Member Robert Wichert, Regional Water Authority Executive Director Jim Peifer, and SSWD General Manager Dan York.

The event was widely covered by the local media, including KOVR-TV, KXTV-TV, KCRA-TV, and the Carmichael Times.

At the November 2025 SSWD Board Meeting, the Board of Directors approved the Draft WF2050 Agreement and SSWD's Purveyor Specific Agreement (PSA). All caucus members have approved the Draft WF2050 Agreement and the individual PSAs for presentation to their respective Boards/Councils for approval.

The Water Forum 2050 Agreement is on track to be finalized in the coming weeks and provide a framework for guiding the sustainable use of the region's water supply for the coming years. You can learn more about the Water Forum, its successes, and its future at <https://waterforum.org>.

