

# H<sub>2</sub>O on the GO



May 2026



## Credit Card Processing Fee Starts Next Month

Starting on June 1<sup>st</sup>, a 2.75% processing fee, with a \$1.95 minimum, will be charged to all SSWD customers who pay their water bill with a credit card or debit card. This charge applies to all AutoPay and recurring

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## Sustainable: Engineering: How CIP Improves the Efficiency and Sustainability of SSWD

Every year, Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) allocates millions of dollars to improve and upgrade its infrastructure through its Capital Improvement Program (CIP), with \$22.6 million budgeted for 2026 alone.

These investments serve many purposes and cover many aspects of SSWD, including the replacing of water mains that have reached the end of their service life and are at risk of failure, installing replacement groundwater wells and pump stations, and upgrading our water storage capabilities.

Some recently completed projects include four new groundwater wells in the North Service Area (NSA). The construction of the wells was partially funded by an \$18.8 million grant from the California Department of Water Resources.

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## Urban Water Management Plan

On May 18 at 5:00 p.m., SSWD will hold a Public Hearing to present its updated Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) to customers and other interested parties.

The UWMP and WSCP include an assessment of the reliability of SSWD's water sources over 20 years, a description of how SSWD manages demand, and SSWD's planned response to water shortages.

Details on how to attend in person or via Zoom can be found at <https://www.sswd.org/about/meeting-agendas-packets-minutes>.

## Mulch Mayhem: Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Get one free yard of mulch for your yard on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, at 917 Enterprise Dr., Sacramento, CA 95825. Mulch is a great addition to any yard. It helps soil retain moisture, controls weed growth, and, as it breaks down, adds helpful nutrients.

Please bring a shovel, tarp, or container to take it home. This event is first-come, first-served, while the mulch lasts. Visit [www.sswd.org](http://www.sswd.org) for more information.

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Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Get Your Sprinklers Ready for Summer with Help from SSWD

Summer will be here before we know it, and now is a great time to upgrade your sprinkler system. SSWD offers rebates for a variety of improvements that can help you use water more efficiently and have a healthier yard, including:

### WaterSense-labeled Weather-Based Irrigation

**Controllers** – Weather-based irrigation controllers use local weather data to adjust how long your sprinklers run, saving you the hassle of programming your timer and ensuring your yard receives just the right amount of water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that these controllers can help the average homeowner save over 7,000 gallons of water a year. SSWD offers rebates of up to \$150 to help with the cost.

**Sprinkler System Upgrades** – Adding high-efficiency rotator sprinklers and drip irrigation to your sprinkler system can reduce water loss from evaporation and wind drift, ensuring more water reaches your plants. SSWD has rebates of up to \$500 for residential customers and of up to \$1,000 for commercial, industrial, and institutional customers with a landscape greater than 1 acre. Check out all the rebates available at [sswd.org/rebates](https://www.sswd.org/rebates).

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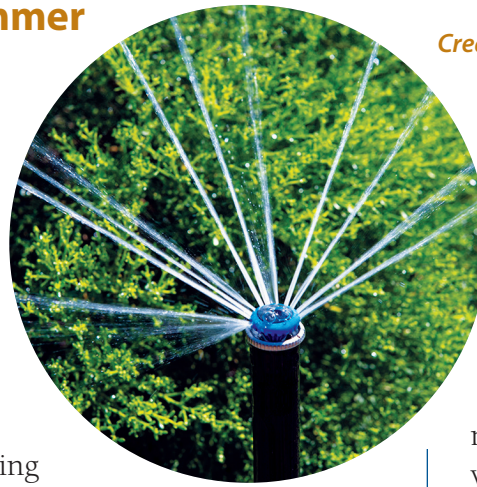
The Engineering Team also recently completed restoring the 5-million-gallon Watt/Elkhorn storage tank, a vital component of SSWD's infrastructure in the NSA. The tank is relied upon during peak demand, such as during the summer months. The work involved adding new interior and exterior coatings, removing any spots of corrosion, replacing components nearing failure, and installing an exterior stairway.

Construction is also nearly complete on the Dudley Pipeline replacement, which involves the installation of more than 1.1 miles of 20-inch and 16-inch pipe within the McClellan Business Park. The pipeline being replaced dates to the mid-1900s and was determined to be at risk of failure.

Projects underway for 2026 include installing two new replacement wells in the South Service Area. Construction of the groundwater well portion of the Well 85 project was completed in 2025, and construction of the surface equipping portion of the project is expected to be completed in 2029.

Construction of the groundwater well portion of the Well 86 project is expected to be completed by 2027, and construction of the surface equipping portion of the project is expected to be completed in 2030. The wells are anticipated to be able to pump 4,000 gallons per minute combined.

Additionally, Engineering is slated to begin planning the rehabilitation of the Antelope Storage Tank in the NSA. It can hold up to five million gallons of water and is an important part of the water system.



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To see all of the different ways you can pay your monthly water bill, please visit <https://www.sswd.org/services/payment-options>.

## SSWD Teams Participated in AWWA Competitions

SSWD employees proudly represented the District at the American Water Works Association Conference of the West this past April, competing in three events: Hydrant Hysteria, Meter Madness, and Top Ops.

Three teams of SSWD employees competed in fast-paced events that tested real-world skills they use every day. In Hydrant Hysteria and Meter Madness, two-person teams competed to assemble a fire hydrant or water meter as quickly as possible. In Top Ops, teams went head-to-head in a lightning-fast question-and-answer competition.

This was the first time competing for half of the SSWD team, and they are looking forward to taking home the gold next year.