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Since October 2024, California's rainfall and snowpack have been right at average levels - and major reservoirs are *above* average.

While this is good news on a statewide level, in the Calleguas Creek Watershed, just seven inches of rain has been recorded - 47% of average. This is why our continued work on water supply planning projects with our regional partners and preparing for drought is so critical. The **Delta Conveyance Project** (DCP) provides a generational opportunity to invest in modernizing our water infrastructure to ensure the reliable water supply we all deserve. For more information about the DCP, click [here](#).

STAY CONNECTED



GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

How often do you think about where your water comes from? Most people don't do so often because when they turn on the shower or run their dishwasher, the water they need is clean and available. But there's an extensive — and largely invisible — network of infrastructure, people, and ingenuity that makes that possible. In southeastern Ventura County, Calleguas is part of that network and is little known to most of the residents, businesses, farms, schools, and other water users who receive our water. That's largely because Calleguas is a wholesaler — we don't directly serve individual customers, but we deliver water to the 19 water retailers that supply water to the 650,000 residents within our service area. Hopefully this inaugural newsletter — and the informative issues to come — help give you a little peek into the complex, essential, and unseen world that brings water to your faucet every day. This issue features a new and award-winning addition to that largely invisible network, a critical infrastructure project that connects Calleguas with its neighbor and improves water supply reliability, especially in emergencies: the interconnection between Calleguas and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District. We'll be celebrating the project and thanking the community for their patience and support soon. Check out page 2 for more details!



RAPID RESPONSE CRITICAL DURING SOCAL FIRES

When disaster strikes, water agencies support each other — and the Southern California fires in January were no exception. Responding to an urgent call for assistance in the Altadena area, Calleguas personnel helped with cleanup and repair of critical facilities. While Calleguas wasn't directly impacted by the fires, the Public Safety Power Shutoffs resulting from the extreme wind events required both critical water supply facilities to run entirely on back up power, along with most of the distribution system, to ensure no interruption in water deliveries for the hundreds of thousands of Ventura County residents that rely on us. Years of planning, significant financial investment, and quick and creative staff action ensured that no one in the Calleguas service area lost water supply.



We love having visitors at Calleguas! Earlier this year, we welcomed two important regional partners to our headquarters for a briefing and tour: Ventura County CEO Dr. Sevet Johnson and her team (left), plus the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce Legislative Advocacy Forum (right). If your community group is interested in visiting our headquarters and learning more about where your water comes from, contact info@calleguas.com.



CALLEGUAS IN THE COMMUNITY



Educating the next generation about water is critical, and we are proud to participate in this effort. Calleguas Regulatory Compliance Supervisor Amy Mueller visited Pleasant Valley School District's GATE Academy 4th and 5th graders (left) to construct "edible aquifers" as a delicious way to learn more about groundwater. Calleguas staff is often out and

about at community events, talking with residents about where most of Ventura County's water comes from, and sharing information about the incredible variety of careers people can pursue in water.

Like many in the water, utilities, and engineering fields, Calleguas is facing significant attrition through retirement over the next 5-10 years. Preparing the workforce of the future is a Strategic Objective at



Calleguas, and we are dedicated to working with community leaders, high schools, and community colleges to develop the pipeline of future water professionals.



AWARD-WINNING INTERCONNECTION WITH NEIGHBORING WATER SUPPLIER COMPLETE

Water systems are typically isolated from each other, serving a specific portion of a neighborhood, city, or county. While this made sense in the past, the future is water systems working together. Calleguas is pioneering that future with the recent completion of a pipeline interconnection with neighboring Las Virgenes Municipal Water District in Calabasas. Years of planning, design, and execution made this project possible. The interconnection will allow our agencies to share water in times of need, such as outages or emergencies, crossing neighborhoods, cities, and county boundaries to ensure the water keeps flowing. Our communities are more resilient today because of this project and it opens up possibilities for greater water supply reliability tomorrow.

We're honored that this project was recognized with the top water industry award (the "Water Oscar") by the Association of California Water Agencies earlier this year. We're going to celebrate this achievement and thank the community for their patience with a family-friendly event in July. Email info@calleguas.com for details!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monthly UC Master Gardeners
Drip Irrigation Workshop
(in-person)**

**Firewise Living: From Structure
to Landscape (virtual)**

Info & registration for both classes can be found [here](#).

