

# Water



# Facts

## A Proud History

For over 70 years the **San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District** has played a crucial role in the water supply to this region. The District's groundwater replenishment activities have helped to ensure an adequate supply of water for the area's growing population.

The District began as various private groups determined to capture flows from the Santa Ana River and Mill Creek for storage in the Bunker Hill Basin. These groups were primarily concerned for reliable water supplies in support of agriculture – largely citrus – in the region. In 1932 the District was formed as a public agency, and assumed the rights and roles of its predecessors.



Over time, and with continued development in the region, consumption of water gradually changes from agricultural to municipal use – industrial, commercial, and residential.

So where does your water come from? The cities of Riverside, San Bernardino, Redlands, Highland, and Loma Linda rely on the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin for water. Water is pumped from the basin, treated, and delivered to your home or business.



The mission of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District is to ensure recharge of the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin in an environmentally and economically responsible way, using local native surface water to the maximum extent practicable. We strive to improve the supply and quality of groundwater, balancing such demands with those of land, mineral, and biological resources.



New times call for new approaches. Recent years have seen the District's leadership role encompass both water and environmental issues.

Several endangered species call home the Santa Ana River Wash in which the District operates. The District is spearheading a multi-agency land management and habitat conservation plan designed to balance competing land uses in the undeveloped Wash area, with conservation of habitat comprising a major role in the project.

If you would like to discuss the District, its mission, or its operations, please contact District staff at (909) 793-2503.

Additional information is available at the District's website: [www.sbvwd.dst.ca.us](http://www.sbvwd.dst.ca.us).