

ORANGE COUNTY WATER



APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF THE WATER USED THROUGHOUT ORANGE COUNTY COMES FROM IMPORTED SUPPLIES; THE REST COMES FROM A VAST UNDERGROUND AQUIFER, RECYCLED WASTEWATER, AND SEVERAL SMALL GROUNDWATER BASINS.

IMPORTED WATER

Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWD OC) purchases high-quality imported water, from the Colorado River and Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta, through The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD).



STATE WATER PROJECT (SWP)

700+ MILES LONG

The State Water Project (SWP) is a water storage and delivery system that facilitates the transfer of water from the lakes and rivers of Northern California to residential communities, agricultural districts, and businesses in the San Francisco Bay area, Central Valley, and Southern California.



The SWP is the largest state built water delivery and power generation system in the nation, consisting of more than 30 lakes and reservoirs, over 20 water pumping plants, 5 hydroelectric power plants, several dams, and over 700 hundred miles of canals and pipelines.

COLORADO RIVER AQUEDUCT (CRA)

242 MILES LONG

The Colorado River is an essential water supply for Orange County.

The CRA transports water 242 miles west from Lake Havasu on the California/Arizona border to Lake Mathews in Riverside County.

Owned and operated by MWD, the CRA began delivering water to southern California in 1941 and was the largest public works project in southern California during the Great Depression.

Five pumping plants push water through the aqueduct and up over 1,617 feet of mountainous terrain.



DIEMER WATER TREATMENT PLANT



The Robert B. Diemer Treatment Plant (Diemer) is one of five treatment plants in the MWD system. Located in Yorba Linda, the plant's hilltop location is well suited for gravity-flow distribution of water to homes and businesses throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties. Most water brought to Diemer for treatment comes from the Colorado River via the 242-mile long Colorado River Aqueduct. To a lesser degree, the plant also receives water from Northern California through the state water project.

Diemer delivers up to **520 MILLION GALLONS** of clean drinking water a day to Orange and Los Angeles counties; that is enough water to fill the Rose Bowl every 4 hours.

DIAMOND VALLEY LAKE (DVL)

6 MONTHS OF EMERGENCY SUPPLY

Located in Riverside County, near Hemet, DVL is Southern California's largest drinking water reservoir. DVL nearly doubles Southern California's surface storage and provides six months of emergency water supplies for the region, protecting us against water shortages caused by drought, peak seasonal usage, or earthquakes.

DVL measures 4.5 miles long and over 2 miles wide, with a maximum depth of 285 feet. The lake holds up to 264 billion gallons of water and is home to one of 16 hydroelectric plants along the MWD distribution system.



LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES

WATER RECLAMATION

Wastewater has become an important source of water for California. Wastewater is processed at a water reclamation facility to remove solids and impurities, increasing the quality of water. The water, now clean, can be used for a variety of applications.



In Orange County, reclaimed water is used for irrigation, toilet flushing, industrial processes, cooling towers, and groundwater replenishment.

OC RELIABILITY STUDY

The Orange County Reliability Study is a comprehensive study of Orange County's water supply reliability through the year 2040.

Key findings include the need for investments in local & regional water supply, "banking" water in wet years for use during dry years, and demand reductions through continued Water Use Efficiency programs.

Without the Delta Conveyance Project (formerly known as the California WaterFix) – an extensive plan designed to protect California's water supply from the north – or any new local investments, Orange County will face water shortages in eight of 10 years.

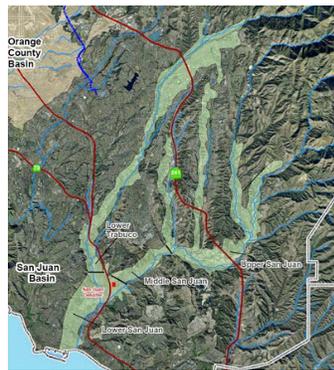
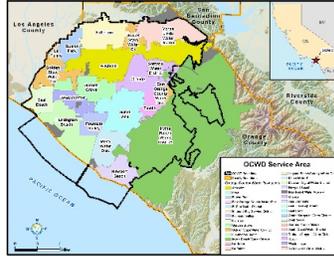


TO MEET THE WATER NEEDS OF AN EVER GROWING POPULATION, WATER OFFICIALS MUST DEVELOP LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES AND EXPAND OUR WATER PORTFOLIO

ORANGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER

2.5 MILLION RESIDENTS

The northern portion of the county lies above a large aquifer known as the Orange County Basin. This water source provides a significant portion of water for the Orange County cities north of Newport Beach and Irvine. It is estimated that more than 2.5 million OC residents rely on the Orange County Basin for half their water needs.



Water is drawn from the Orange County Basin faster than can be replenished naturally, necessitating engineered recharge. Orange County Water District, a MWDOC member agency, purchases imported water to recharge the groundwater basin.

To the south lies the San Juan Basin, which is small and salty compared to the Orange County Basin. This water must be desalinated prior to its use as drinking water.

SEAWATER DESALINATION

Seawater desalination as a local water supply source in Orange County has been limited by technology, expense, and energy requirements. Two proposed local projects aim to make waves in the source of water supply.

55 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY*

Poseidon Water, a firm responsible for the San Diego water desalination plant in Carlsbad, intends to build a facility in Huntington Beach capable of producing 50,000,000 gallons of drinking water per day. The plant is scheduled to be operational by 2023.

MWDOC and its partners began studying the feasibility of a Dana Point desalination plant in 2002. This project, known as the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project, would produce 5,000,000 gallons of desalted water each day for south Orange County – enough to satisfy approximately 8% of the areas water needs.



*Combined output of two proposed desalination plants