

Driving Workforce Pipelines & Economic Development

Water Infrastructure Investment Strengthens California Communities

California's regulated drinking water providers play a vital role in supporting local economies, workforce development, and long-term community resilience. Every investment in water infrastructure strengthens essential public health systems while generating economic activity that benefits communities across the state.

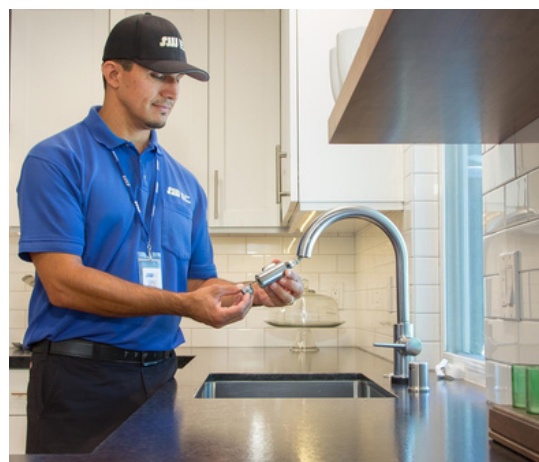
When regulated water providers invest in infrastructure, they are investing in people, local jobs, and California's future.

Investing in Reliable Water Systems & Economic Growth

California's regulated water providers invest significant resources to maintain and modernize critical infrastructure needed to provide safe and reliable service to customers.

These investments help address:

- Aging infrastructure
- Water quality and treatment needs
- Drought and climate resilience
- System reliability and operational efficiency
- Long-term public health protections



Infrastructure Investment Highlights

319.9 Billion

Gallons of water delivered
in 2023-2024

88.6 Million

Feet of new water main
infrastructure installed

79,303

Fire hydrants that are serviced by
Regulated Water Providers

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS GENERATE BENEFITS THAT EXTEND WELL BEYOND A SINGLE PROJECT BY SUPPORTING JOBS, LOCAL BUSINESSES, CONTRACTORS, AND SUPPLIERS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA.

Supporting Skilled, Family-Sustaining Careers

Regulated water providers support stable, high-quality careers across California, including opportunities in:



Skilled trades



Engineering
& operations



Customer
Service



Environmental
compliance



Technology &
system management



Infrastructure construction
& maintenance

These careers offer pathways into essential professions for individuals entering the workforce directly from high school, vocational training programs, or community colleges.



Workforce Impact

Regulated drinking water providers help build and sustain the skilled workforce needed to maintain California's critical infrastructure systems.

1,239

Number of licensed water professionals

Local Regulated Drinking Water Providers Deliver Local Economic Benefits

Regulated drinking water providers are deeply connected to the communities they serve. Employees live locally, support local businesses, and contribute directly to regional economies.

Infrastructure investments create ripple effects across multiple sectors, including: construction, engineering, manufacturing, consulting, environmental services, and local small businesses and suppliers.

Economic Contribution

According to PPIC reports, water management directly accounts for approximately:

\$19B

toward California's GDP

53,000+

jobs statewide

Delivering Essential Service Across California

California's regulated water providers operate and maintain complex systems that serve over 6 million residents statewide.

Communities Served

235+

cities and
unincorporated areas

29+

counties

Maintaining these systems requires ongoing investment, skilled personnel, and strong regulatory oversight to ensure safe and reliable service.

Continued investment in water infrastructure helps ensure California communities remain healthy, economically competitive, environmentally resilient, and prepared for future challenges.

CALIFORNIA'S WATER COMPANIES 150+ YEARS OF SERVICE

Six million Californians are served by California's regulated drinking water providers. From investing in new treatment facilities and miles of new water pipe to addressing the state's unique water challenges with technological advances and conservation efforts. California's water companies are leading the way to make sure customers have the quality water they need for generations to come.

California's Largest Regulated Drinking Water Providers



1,394,754

Total Number of Connections for
Regulated Drinking Water Providers

California's largest regulated water utilities plan to invest up to **\$5 billion** in new water infrastructure projects over the next five years to improve and upgrade the infrastructure that delivers water to the communities they serve.