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Community Gathers to Celebrate Littlerock Dam's Centennial



Exactly 100 years to the day the Littlerock Dam was given permission to begin service, Palmdale Water District (PWD) and Littlerock Creek Irrigation District (LCID) hosted a celebratory event attended by dignitaries, community members and water agency staff.

On June 1, nearly 100 people gathered to mark the occasion that was highlighted by official presentations by California Senator Scott Wilk, Assemblymember Tom Lackey and representatives from the offices of U.S. Congressman Mike Garcia, Assemblymember Juan Carrillo and L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger. Also in attendance were Palmdale Mayor Pro Tem Richard Loa and the PWD and LCID boards of directors. After the event's speakers voiced support for re-opening the dam for recreation, San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Manager Matthew Bokach assured the crowd that his office is working hard to make the popular landmark once again available for the community to enjoy.



Guests enjoyed lunch provided by Smash Bros. food truck and cold treats from Kona Ice. PWD also had historical photos of the dam, a painting of the Littlerock Dam by former PWD Board Director Gloria Dizmang and a plaque commemorating the 100th anniversary on display.

Outlook for 2024 Water Supply

With the State Water Project allocation at 40% for this water year, PWD will have enough water to meet customer demands for 2024. With 6,000 acre-feet of carryover from 2023, a full Littlerock Reservoir due to consistent rain in the winter and spring, and groundwater wells, there will be no shortage of water.

This year, it is projected that customers will use about 14,500 acre-feet of water. An acre-foot of water is equal to 326,000 gallons. A family of four in Palmdale uses an average of 190,000 gallons of water annually.

Along with last year's carryover, PWD has a water right of 5,500 acre-feet from the Littlerock Reservoir, a minimum of 4,300 acre-feet of water from groundwater wells and more than 4,000 acre-feet of water from exchanges with other agencies. These water supplies will provide the anticipated total water production of 16,000 acre-feet needed to account for distribution system losses and customer demands.

"The 100% allocation in 2023 is giving us a breather this year," said PWD Resource and Analytics Supervisor Claudia Bolanos. "Fortunately, we have enough water, so there is no need for restrictive water use. However, we always ask customers to use water wisely."

Although it was warmer than usual in December, storms started in February and continued into late spring, dumping excessive amounts of snow in the northern Sierra Mountains.

According to consumption records, PWD customers used 14,702 acre-feet of water in 2023, a decrease of 15% compared to 2020 when it was 17,213 acre-feet. Although drought restrictions were lifted one year ago, customers continue to practice conservation habits.

"It is nice to see that our conservation messages during the three-year drought have made a difference," Bolanos said. "People are continuing to save water."



Construction Begins on 3M Booster Station

To increase the capacity, demolition has started on the replacement of PWD's 3M Booster Station, located at the southwest corner of Sierra Highway and Avenue S. Once completed in the fall of 2025, the \$5.8 million project will have enough capacity to serve as the District's clearwell while the 6-million-gallon clearwell undergoes renovation.



Let's Talk H2O! WATER QUALITY

🕒 » Thursday, August 1, 2024
5:00-6:30p.m.

📅 » Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant
700 East Avenue S, Palmdale



Featuring:

Operations Manager Joe Marcinko
&

Water Quality/Regulatory Affairs
Supervisor Amanda Thompson



Join us to learn details about your water quality! Our staff will share a presentation and host a tour of the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant. Registration is required and space is limited.

To sign up, contact Public Affairs Specialist Michelle Trejo at mtrejo@palmdalewater.org or scan the QR code.





Ask the PWD Water-Use Efficiency Team

- 1** How are water restrictions being enforced during the summer?
 We are out of a drought, so there are no watering restrictions. However, we always recommend watering before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. when it's not as hot and windy outside. Watering should be less than five minutes a cycle on grass and three minutes or less a cycle on planters.
- 2** What measures is the District taking to ensure an adequate water supply?
 PWD implements various measures to ensure an adequate water supply. The District collaborates with State Water Contractors to secure additional water supplies and has active conservation programs to promote efficient water use.
- 3** How can I reduce my water usage and lower my bill in the warm months?
 Customers can reduce water usage and lower their bills by implementing several water-saving strategies. PWD offers rebates for water-efficient appliances and fixtures, promotes water-efficient landscaping, and provides tips such as fixing leaks promptly and using mulch in gardens to retain moisture.

For more information about Water-Use Efficiency, visit our website www.palmdalewater.org or scan the QR code below.



PWD Consumer Confidence Report

Report

(2023 Results)

Available Online Starting July 1, 2024

Palmdale Water District provides the Consumer Confidence Report to inform customers about the quality of our water. We are proud to report that our water met or surpassed all federal and state drinking water standards in 2023.

You can download the report using the link or scan the QR code provided below, or you can have a printed copy of the report mailed to you by calling PWD at 661-947-4111.

https://www.palmdalewater.org/2023_ccr/



New Water Ambassadors Learn About PWD

Congrats to the PWD Water Ambassadors Academy class of 2024! Nearly 20 community members spent three weeks in April learning about the water industry and getting an inside look at the District's functions and facilities. Our ambassadors can now share their water knowledge with their friends, families and communities. The 7th annual Water Ambassadors Academy will take place in spring 2025. Watch for sign-up information in future newsletters.



Board Meetings

Mondays @ 6 p.m.
 June 24
 July 8 & 22
 August 12 & 26
 Mathis Board Room

Event

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 Thursday, August 1
 @ 5-6:30 p.m.
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PWD Closures

Independence Day
 Thursday, July 4

 Labor Day
 Monday, September 2



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 STATEMENT.

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2024 Earth Day Winners

A dozen talented students were recognized by PWD for their Earth Day art entries in the Water Cycle Drawing Contest. Chosen from over 200 submissions across seven Palmdale schools, these students demonstrated remarkable creativity and understanding of the water cycle. With their parents and teachers in attendance, the students received their prizes and certificates at a PWD Board meeting.

Congratulations to all the winners!



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Cynthia Sanchez, Division 3
Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Division 4
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Mission Statement

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency.