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CAPP

Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project
Replenishing Our Groundwater for the Future

CAPP Construction Update

As construction begins on the Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project (CAPP) this month, some residents and businesses may start to notice early field activity in parts of the community. Initial work includes site setup and preparation ahead of upcoming pipeline installation and facility improvements. Construction will progress in phases and take place during standard working hours. Customers near active work areas will receive advance notices through mailed information, door hangers, and online updates. Temporary impacts may include construction noise, dust, traffic control, or short-term lane closures. CVWD is

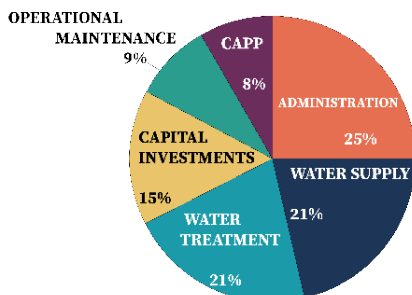
coordinating closely with contractors and the City of Carpinteria to minimize disruptions and maintain emergency access at all times. When complete, CAPP will strengthen Carpinteria's local water supply by returning purified recycled water to the groundwater basin, improving reliability during dry years. For updates, visit cvwd.net/capp-construction. **For updates, visit cvwd.net/capp-construction.**

Responsible Financing for Major Projects

Large infrastructure projects require careful planning—both technically and financially. At its April meeting, the CVWD Board authorized the temporary use of up to \$1 million in District reserves to help manage short-term cash-flow timing related to CAPP construction expenses. Many project costs are eligible for reimbursement through State funding programs. However, reimbursement payments are often received after construction expenses occur. Using reserves as a temporary bridge allows construction to move forward without delays. This use of reserves is strictly temporary and will be fully reimbursed once State funds are received, no later than the end of Fiscal Year 2026–27. There is no change to the overall project budget, and this strategy helps avoid the need for external borrowing.



Where Each Dollar Goes



What Customers Should Know About Water Rates

CVWD is currently reviewing proposed water rates and budgets for Fiscal Years 2027–2029. As part of this process, a Proposition 218 public hearing is scheduled for June 10, 2026. Proposition 218 requires water agencies to notify customers of proposed rate changes and provide an opportunity for public input before any rates are adopted. Information about the proposals and how to participate will be mailed to customers ahead of the hearing. Customer feedback is an important part of this transparent process.

The Carpinteria Valley Water District's mission is to provide potable water to all residential, commercial and agricultural customers in the Carpinteria Valley at a reasonable cost.

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Delivering Safe and Reliable Water

CVWD's water treatment and distribution systems continue to operate safely and efficiently. All routine water quality testing completed in March met or exceeded state and federal drinking water standards. The Gobernador Aeration System is operating normally, while strategic well operations are supporting summer water supply needs. Planning continues for long-term replacement of the Smillie Well using modern Aquifer Storage and Recovery technology. Behind the scenes, CVWD operations staff work year-round to maintain wells, pipelines, reservoirs, and treatment facilities to ensure high-quality water service for the community.

CGSA Update

The Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CGSA) filed its Water Year 2025 Annual Report, showing that although the year was critically dry and groundwater storage declined, the basin remains within sustainability standards. Monitoring confirmed the basin met minimum thresholds for all sustainability indicators; which include groundwater levels, seawater intrusion, water quality, and land subsidence. Progress continues on major groundwater projects, including CAPP and the Smillie Well No. 2 ASR project. Groundwater metering and reporting remain essential to protecting the basin; learn more at carpgsa.org.



History of Carpinteria Water Pop Quiz

1. Before modern water systems, early residents of the Carpinteria Valley relied most heavily on:

- A) Imported water pipelines
- B) Artesian wells and springs
- C) Desalination plants
- D) Rain barrels

2. Carpinteria's groundwater basin has historically been important because it:

- A) Stores local rainfall and creek recharge

- B) Supplies seawater to the coast
- C) Is man-made
- D) Only supports agriculture

3. Which activity significantly increased local water demand in the Carpinteria Valley in the 20th century?

- A) Space development
- B) Commercial fishing
- C) Agriculture and community growth
- D) Gold mining

Answers: 1. B, 2. A, 3. C



The EyeOnWater tool allows CVWD customers to connect to their water utility accounts and view their latest water usage on their desktop or mobile device. EyeOnWater helps customers understand their water usage, detect leaks, and discover their watering trends. Customers can quickly view recent water usage with a two-week comparison, and view detailed water usage history by the hour, day, week, month and year! Use the QR Code or visit EyeOnWater.com to sign up.



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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

May 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM
 Carpinteria City Hall

May 27, 2026 at 5:30 PM
 Carpinteria City Hall

Send written public comments to public_comment@cvwd.net by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.