



## Soquel Creek Water District

The Soquel Creek Water District is a nonprofit, local government agency that provides water resource management within its service area to deliver a safe and reliable supply of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally sensitive and economically responsible way.



## The History of the District

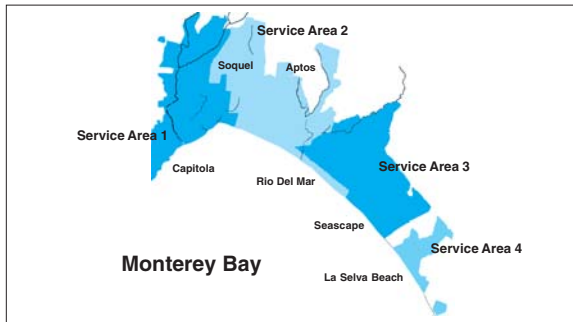
Founded in 1961, the "Soquel Creek County Water District's" purpose was to provide flood control and water conservation services. The District acquired the Monterey Bay Water Company in 1964 and discontinued flood control services. In 1983, "County" was dropped from the name and the District became known as **Soquel Creek Water District**.



## The General District

Today, the District serves about 50,000 customers through nearly 15,000 connections in four service areas within mid-Santa Cruz County. Ninety percent of our customers are residential.

Our service area encompasses seven miles of shoreline and extends from one to three miles inland into the foothills of the Santa Cruz mountains. The city of Capitola is the only incorporated area in the District. Unincorporated communities include Aptos, La Selva Beach, Opal Cliffs, Rio Del Mar, Seascapes, and Soquel.



## The District Today

The District produces approximately 5,000 acre feet of water annually. This is equal to approximately 1.6 billion gallons of water (*\*One acre foot of water equals 325,851 gallons and is enough water to cover a football field one foot deep*).

The District currently receives 100 percent of its water from two groundwater aquifers. The **Purissima Aquifer** provides two-thirds of the District's annual production for Capitola, Soquel, and Aptos. The **Aromas Red Sands Aquifer** provides the remaining one-third for the communities of Seascapes, Rio Del Mar, and La Selva Beach.



## Our Water Supply System

The District operates 16 active production wells. Estimated production capacity of all wells is over 15 million gallons per day. Our system encompasses approximately 130 miles of pipeline. The pipes range in diameter from two to 16 inches. Our 18 water storage tanks have a capacity of 7.5 million gallons.

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## Water Resource Management

Since 1981, the District has maintained an extensive monitoring and management program to better define our underlying groundwater resources. Seventeen monitoring wells, strategically placed along the coast, monitor water quality and groundwater levels in the two aquifers that make up our water supply. All wells are sampled to measure chlorides, nitrates, total dissolved solids and static water level as an early warning of the threat of salt water intrusion.



## Water Conservation

The District is committed to encouraging efficient water use. Visitors to our office may obtain useful free education materials to help them in their conservation efforts. Hardware, incentives, and informational assistance are offered to District customers to help them implement water conserving measures at home.



## How the District is Governed

The District is governed by a five-person Board of Directors elected to rotating four-year terms by the registered voters throughout the District's service area. The Directors are responsible for policy decisions which govern the operations of the District. They meet regularly on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM in the District's headquarters Board room.

### Board of Directors:

Bruce Daniels  
 Dr. Don Hoernschemeyer  
 Dr. Thomas LaHue  
 Dr. Bruce Jaffe  
 Daniel F. Kriege



## District Employees

The Soquel Creek Water District's staff consists of 36 full-time employees assigned to five departments: Administration, Engineering, Operations and Maintenance, Conservation and Customer Service, and Financial Services.

Laura D. Brown: *General Manager*  
 Michelle Boisen: *Financial and Business Services Manager*  
 Jeffery N. Gailey, PE: *Engineering Manager/Chief Engineer*  
 Taj Dufour: *Operations and Maintenance Manager*  
 Ron Duncan: *Conservation/Customer Service Field*



## District Finances

The District's operating income is derived from water rates, service charges, and water capacity fees (we do not receive any tax revenues). From these sources, all of the District's operating expenses are covered, including capital improvements, gas and electric costs, water quality costs, wages and benefits for staff, supplies and services, insurance premiums, bond debt, and prudent reserves for emergencies and unexpected shortfalls in revenue.



## How to Reach Us

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