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HOW THE CITY PROTECTS WATER QUALITY DURING EMERGENCY RESPONSE



The Cater Water Treatment Plant treats the water received from Gibraltar and Cachuma Reservoirs, producing drinking water for the City and the neighboring water districts of Montecito and Carpinteria Valley.

The City of Santa Barbara's water system represents one of the largest investments in public infrastructure in the City, playing a critical role in providing the foundation for our community to thrive. The City provides approximately 2.5 billion gallons of potable water to its customers annually through three water treatment plants and over 330 miles of water main pipelines.

The water system has entered a prolonged period where capital improvement is a high priority as a significant portion of our infrastructure is reaching the end of its useful life. In 2019, the City completed a master plan for the water distribution system to prioritize capital improvement projects for all its assets including water mains, reservoirs, pump stations, and other critical assets. A major goal is to replace 2% of the City's water mains annually, focusing on the areas most at risk for breaks and outages. To this end, the City is reinvesting over \$17 million annually into water mains, which is vital to reducing emergency outages and supporting reliable drinking water to the community.

We are also planning for water quality and reservoir improvements at Cater Water Treatment Plant. These projects will improve the circulation of treated water, increase seismic stability, add storage capacity, and enable reservoir replacements to move forward efficiently while ensuring the reliability and resiliency of the overall water system.

As we move forward with these improvements, we're committed to keeping the community informed. Stay tuned for updates on upcoming projects that will help ensure safe, high-quality water for generations to come. For more information, please visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water.

CELEBRATE CREEK WEEK SEPTEMBER 20-27TH



Get ready to celebrate the 26th Annual Creek Week.

Join the City's Creeks Division for our annual week-long celebration of our creeks, watersheds, and ocean. Attend one or all of our many events aimed at building awareness and stewardship of the natural treasures of Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Carpinteria. Learn more and follow along at SBCreekWeek.com.

NEW LAWN TO RAIN GARDEN REBATE



Rain gardens slow, spread, and sink rainwater

Replace your lawn with a rain garden and receive a rebate of up to \$5/square foot! Rain gardens are designed to capture and filter storm water from hard surfaces, such as roofs and paved areas, allowing it to soak into the ground. Projects must be approved in advance; total rebate amount is based upon square footage of lawn removed and area of rain garden. Visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/LawnRebate

NEW REBATES FOR HEAT PUMP WATER HEATERS— ACT BEFORE FEDERAL CREDIT EXPIRES!

Great news for homeowners! TECH Clean California has announced new funding available for heat pump water heater rebates, making it even easier for homeowners to upgrade to cleaner, energy-efficient systems.

Combined with Santa Barbara Clean Energy's rebates, fast and free permitting, and the federal Energy Efficient Home Improvement tax credit (*expiring December 31*), there's never been a better time for City of Santa Barbara residents to make the switch to an energy-efficient heat pump water heater!

Santa Barbara Clean Energy offers:

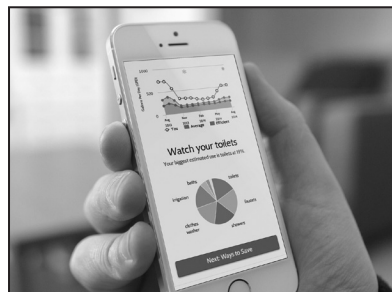
- Up to \$3,000 to replace your water heater
- Up to \$4,000 for associated electric work Fast and free permitting

Visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/HEAP to learn more.



Rebates for heat pump water heaters expire December 31.

\$150 REBATE
WASH, RINSE, REBATE...
HIGH EFFICIENCY WASHING MACHINE
\$150 REBATE
SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Rebates



Keep an eye on your water use from anywhere with cell or Wi-Fi service

TRACK YOUR WATER USE REMOTELY WITH WATERSMART

WaterSmart is the City's new website to pay bills online, get water leak alerts, and track hourly water use. Have peace of mind while you're away – keep an eye on your sprinkler system usage from anywhere with cell or Wi-Fi service while you enjoy your vacation. WaterSmart allows you to track hourly, daily, and monthly water use, get automated leak alerts, diagnose a high bill, and set custom alerts for unusual water use. Signing up is easy and fast – Simply enter your account number and ZIP code to sign up. Visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterSmart

SIP SUSTAINABLY THIS SUMMER AND SAVE!

The Sustainability & Resilience Department is partnering with Dune Coffee to offer \$1 off your drink when you bring in your own reusable cup, or order your drink "for here". You can also upgrade to a reusable branded clay cup for no additional charge and keep the cup!

Plus weekly \$50 gift card giveaways when you post a pic of your reusable cup on Facebook or Instagram and tag [@SustainablySB](#) and [@DuneCoffee](#)! Offer valid through August at participating Dune Coffee locations downtown Santa Barbara.



Get your own reusable clay cup made by Gaea Star at participating Dune locations.