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## Regulatory Watch 2018



California State Capitol, Sacramento. Photo credit: Alex E. Proimos, Flickr.

CHWD is dedicated to keeping your rates as low as possible by monitoring and advocating for or against state legislation that may affect our customers and our operations. Through our membership in the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and our participation in Regional Water Authority's (RWA) state lobbying program, we tracked a total of 164 bills in 2017 that we identified as potentially impacting to CHWD's customers. 2018 is another active legislative year, as we continue to monitor bills and proposed regulations.

### Public Goods Charge (Water Tax) (SB 623)

This legislation would levy a statewide tax on water customers to create a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund. The intent of the proposal is to ensure stable funding for water providers in low-income regions with water quality issues. While there is

a need for sensible long-term funding to assist disadvantaged communities that do not have safe drinking water, a tax on our customers is not the solution. Alternative funding sources exist and our position is to use those alternative funding sources instead of adding a water tax. The CHWD Board of Directors passed a resolution opposing this legislation in February 2018, and sent that resolution to state lawmakers and the media.

The water tax was removed from the budget bill in June; however, we could see this bill again. Proponents may attempt to advance the bill before the end of summer, but the bill will now follow the typical legislative process requiring committee review and a 2/3 majority vote to pass instead of the previous fast-track trailer bill process that eliminates normal vetting.

We should know more by August 31, 2018, so stay tuned and remain diligent. You can support the effort by contacting your local representative and voicing your opposition to SB 623.

**Senator Jim Nielsen** (916) 651-4004

**Senator Ted Gaines** (916) 651-4001

**Assemblymember Kevin Kiley** (916) 319-2006

**Assemblymember Ken Cooley** (916) 319-2008

For the most up to date information regarding SB 623 and other legislative issues, go to: [leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/) and type in the specific bill name, for example SB 623.

### Mandatory Conservation Limits (AB 1668/SB 606)

On May 31, 2018, Governor Brown signed both SB 606 (Hertzberg) and AB 1668 (Friedman) into law. The bills will establish new requirements for drought planning and water efficiency standards.

The Association for California Water Agencies (ACWA) and Regional Water Authority (RWA) were able to obtain amendments to these bills prior to their passage to address

some of CHWD's and water agencies' concerns, including reducing the number and types of updates to water efficiency standards the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) may impose on local water districts.

Check out our website for additional information: [chwd.org/waterefficiency/](http://chwd.org/waterefficiency/)

# CHWD in the Community

## WaterSmart Classes

**WaterSmart Landscape Classes** Join us for our free workshop series to learn how you can enhance your landscaping, making it more appealing and water efficient!

**Saturday, July 14, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.:**

Picking the best WaterSmart plants for your yard & how to maintain them.

**Thursday, September 27, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.:**

Fall Gardening Topics. To learn more and sign up for the class visit [chwd.org/our-water/events/](http://chwd.org/our-water/events/).

Classes are held at Citrus Heights Community Center, Room: South A, 6300 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Free parking available.



Participants enjoying the presentation at our April WaterSmart class.

## School Presentations

Looking to educate your class about the science behind water? Our staff offers presentations for elementary and junior high students that fit into your class curriculum. Call our office for more details at (916) 725-6873.



At a recent Board Meeting the CHWD Board presented the awards to the poster contest winner and runners up. From left to right- runner-up Leila Gross, winner Annabelle Ng, runner-up Shelby Gibbs.

## Poster Contest

CHWD is proud of our annual poster contest where students in 4th, 5th and 6th grades can enter their conservation-themed artwork. This year's theme "Winter, Summer, Fall or Spring Water Conservation is a Year Round Thing" drew 413 entries! Our judges had a difficult job narrowing down their choices and selecting the top three contestants. Contest winners received awards and were recognized at the May CHWD Board of Directors meeting. In addition to the prize money, winners took home their artwork in a beautiful frame, and their teachers received \$100 for their classroom!

### Winners

**1st Place Winner: Annabelle Ng, 5th grade**

Skycrest Elementary School; Teacher, Mrs. Calvi

**Runner-Up: Leila Gross, 6th grade**

Woodside School; Teacher, Mrs. Slayton

**Runner-Up: Shelby Gibbs, 5th grade**

Trajan Elementary School; Teacher, Mrs. Weston

## Water Distribution Main Projects Update

Keeping our infrastructure up-to-date is essential to delivering safe, clean drinking water to our customers. Below is a status report of our current water main projects that CHWD is replacing in 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Pieri, Engineering Manager, [mpieri@chwd.org](mailto:mpieri@chwd.org).

Project	Date
Rosa Vista Lane & Highland Ave. Main Replacement Installation (Complete)	Spring 2018
Graham Circle & Circuit Drive 8" Water Mains Installation (In Progress)	Spring 2018
Sunrise Blvd Complete Street Improvement Project Phase 2A (In Progress)	Spring 2018
Wind Way & Longwood Way 8" Water Mains Design & Installation	Summer 2018
Michigan Drive 8" and 6" Water Mains Design and Installation	Summer 2018
Stock Ranch Residential Service Replacements Design	Summer 2018



Rosa Vista Main Replacement Project.

# Project 2030: Water Main Replacement Study Moving Forward

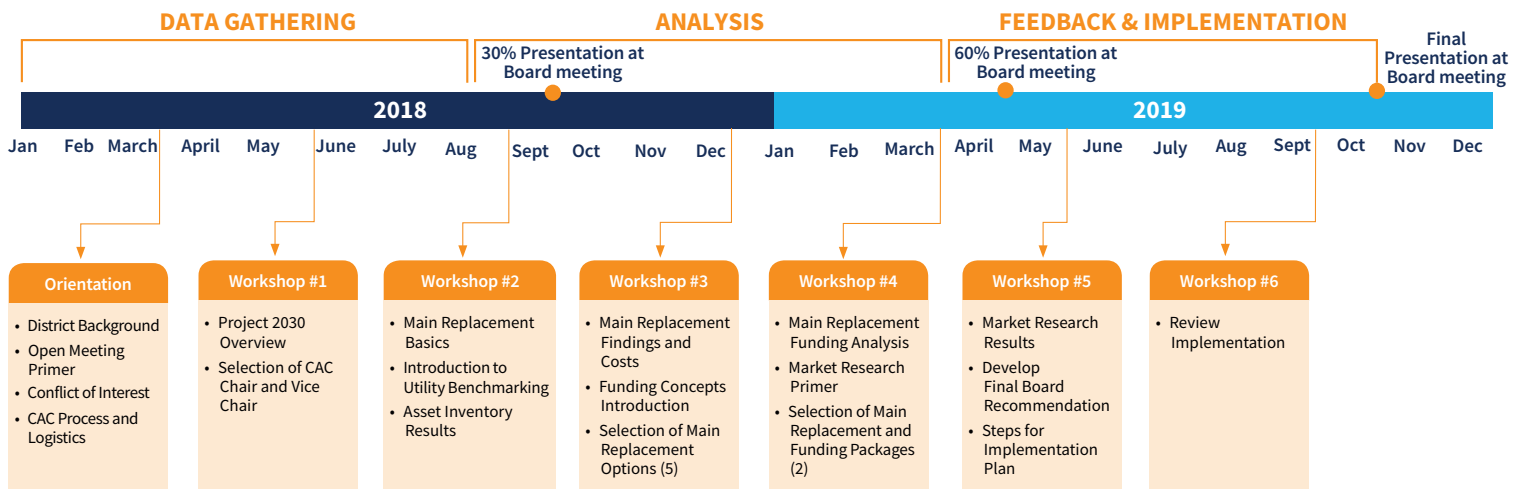
Long-term planning to consider options for the replacement of more than half of CHWD’s water mains between 2030-2055 continues with a public kick-off meeting held on March 19 at the Citrus Heights Community Center. Twenty-four of your fellow customers, who were appointed to a Customer Advisory Committee (CAC) by the CHWD Board, learned about the major phases of the Project 2030 Study, and Assistant General Counsel Josh Nelson gave a “local government 101” training to the newly-appointed advisory committee.

You can watch the entire meeting (divided into 2 videos) on our newly launched YouTube Channel. And while you’re there, please “subscribe” to our new Citrus Heights Water District Channel!

The next Project 2030 Customer Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 6:30 PM at the Citrus Heights Community Center. This is a public meeting, and will be video-recorded and posted on our YouTube channel and web site.

To learn more about our water main replacement planning efforts, you can visit our Project 2030 web page at: [chwd.org/project2030/](http://chwd.org/project2030/). You can also sign-up to receive email updates about the project, including notices about upcoming public meetings, at: [chwd.org/customer-advisory-committee/](http://chwd.org/customer-advisory-committee/). If you have questions about Project 2030, please email [CAC@chwd.org](mailto:CAC@chwd.org), and we’ll be happy to bring you up to speed.

## PROJECT 2030 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT STUDY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/CAC WORKSHOPS



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- **Text Alerts** – Sign up to receive text messages and access Pay by Text
- **Paperless** – Help save the environment and reduce paperwork with electronic billing
- **For more information** and to register, visit: [chwd.org/online-bill-pay-service](http://chwd.org/online-bill-pay-service)

## 2017 Chamber “Member of the Year”

CHWD is proud to announce that we were recognized as “Member of the Year” by the Citrus Heights Chamber at its 60th annual Installation & Community Awards Dinner on January 19.

“CHWD is pleased to have been recognized for our contributions to the business community in Citrus Heights. We’re also proud to have participated in the Chamber’s 60th anniversary recognition event, as CHWD is one of three founding members of the Citrus Heights Chamber dating back to 1958,” says Hilary Straus, General Manager of CHWD.

As a founding member, CHWD has a longstanding relationship with the Chamber since its establishment. We are excited about our continuing partnership with the Chamber, as we continue to support reinvestment in aging infrastructure, community engagement, and water-related education efforts.

“In addition to providing clean, safe water to the community it serves, CHWD offers community classes on water efficiency and continues to serve our schools with interactive education programs. I am pleased to award them with this recognition,” says Cendrinne DeMattei, Executive Director of the Chamber.

Thank you to both the Chamber and the Citrus Heights community for your continued support!





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**CHWD Exceptional Offerings**





**Want to save money?** Our rebate program is available for customers interested in upgrading to approved, high efficiency toilets and washing machines. For detailed requirements, please visit our website or call (916) 725-6873 and learn how you can receive up to \$50 for clothes washing machines and up to \$75 for toilet upgrades.

For more details and online resources for rebates, visit: [chwd.org/our-water/rebates/](http://chwd.org/our-water/rebates/)

**Did Someone Say FREE?** Take advantage of our FREE Irrigation Efficiency Review to help you manage and maintain your irrigation system more efficiently. Our experts will come to your location, review your sprinkler system, evaluate your irrigation needs and provide written recommendations along with a one-year watering guide. To make your appointment or learn more, please call (916) 725-6873.

**Water Efficiency Tips for Summer**

Did you know runoff is prohibited in California? Here are a few tips to determine how much water your landscape really needs:

-  **Test your soil before you water.** Use a moisture meter or an eight inch screwdriver and push it into the dirt surface. If the screwdriver inserts further than three inches, the soil is saturated and doesn't need additional water!
-  **Install a weather-based sprinkler timer.** Available at your local hardware store.
-  **Look for runoff.** Divide your watering schedule into shorter periods throughout the day to allow proper absorption of the soil to avoid runoff.
-  **Need help?** Schedule a FREE Irrigation Efficiency Review through our office at (916) 725-6873.

**Call before you dig!**

Do you plan to do some digging in your yard? Planting a tree? Building a deck and need to dig holes for the posts? Did you know there are multiple underground utilities throughout the community vital to everyday living like water, electricity and natural gas? Make sure to protect those utilities by calling before you dig! 811 is the phone number to call before digging to protect yourself and others from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines. Call a few

days before you plan to dig and local utility companies will be notified about your intent to dig and will send locators to your dig site to mark the approximate location of buried lines with flags or paint. There is no charge for this service, so make the call!

