

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT: SERVING RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND AGRICULTURE IN THE VALLEY

Conserving Water: Our Principal Task

The District diverts the natural flow of the Santa Ana River and Mill Creek into percolation basins that the District owns and operates. This helps refill (recharge) the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin – the major source of water supply for local communities. Recharge also prevents the loss of high quality local surface water.

Managing Groundwater and Surface Water

The Water Conservation District acts as an independent and trusted manager to facilitate the purchase and exchange of water between local water suppliers.

It also serves as the groundwater representative to the Big Bear Watermaster, providing groundwater management expertise, and oversight for protecting the groundwater supplies of the Basin.

Solving High Groundwater Problems

Both high and low groundwater levels sometimes occur at once in different parts of the Basin. A priority of the Water Conservation District is to improve management of Basin water levels to ensure the highest quality, lowest cost water is available for local communities.

Promoting Beneficial Use of Public Resources

Sand and gravel mining on District property is an important source of aggregate for concrete and roadway construction material. The lease proceeds are used to support water conservation work. When the valuable minerals are depleted, the mined property is again used for water conservation activities.

Protecting the Environment

The District also uses its property to provide an environmental habitat for sensitive, threatened or endangered natural species, and to provide nature-related recreational opportunities, thus balancing the varied demands on the land resources.

Improving Water Quality: A Key Benefit

Recharging local surface water into the groundwater Basin provides better water quality than is available from other sources. Local recharged water also saves millions of dollars by lowering the cost of recycling wastewater.

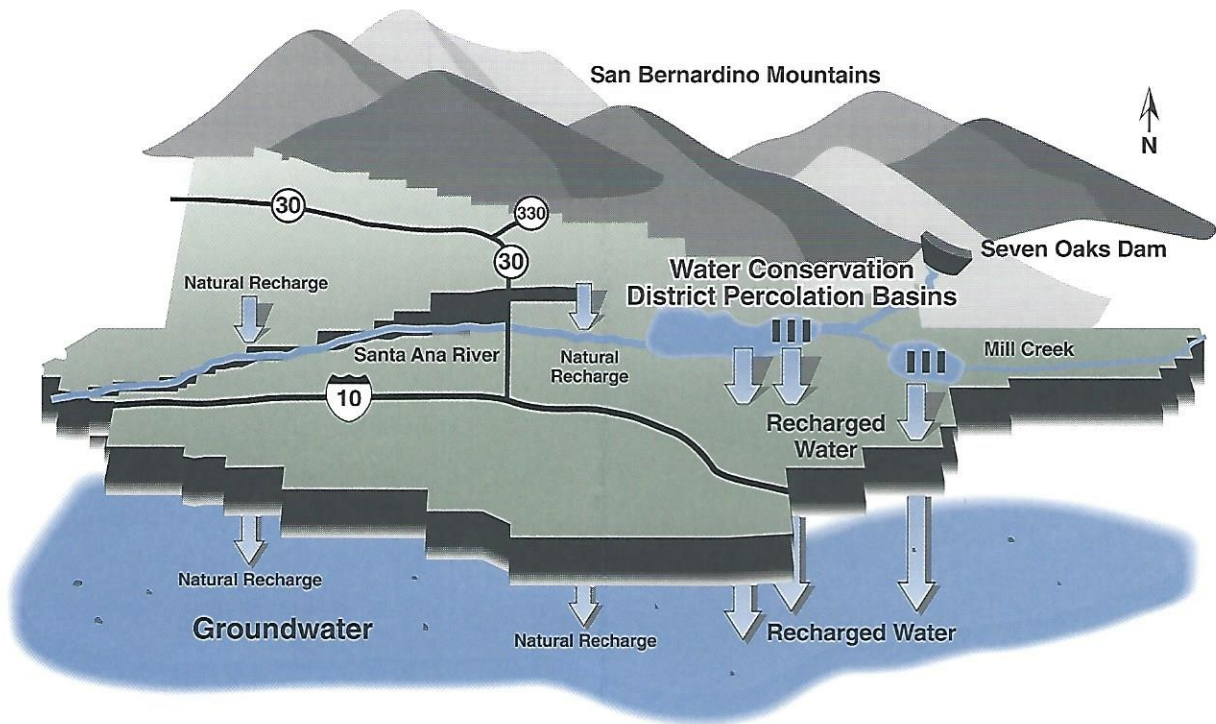
In 1931, local citizens voted to create the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

The agency has been a leader in recharging the groundwater Basin to supplement the water supply for residents, businesses, and agriculture.

The District is also a leader in:

- *Groundwater management throughout the region;*
- *Protecting the environment;*
- *Assuring continuation of mining activities that benefit the local economy.*

The Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin provides 85% of the water for the communities of the San Bernardino Valley. The Water Conservation District is a leader and cooperative partner in managing the Basin and resolving Basin challenges.



SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

Governed by Local Citizens

The District is represented by a seven-member Board of Directors, elected by local voters.

Public Participation Encouraged

Board members must live within their respective Divisions. The Board members welcome the comments, questions, and concerns of their fellow citizens. District meetings are regularly scheduled and open to the public. Please call us at 909-793-2503.

District Revenue

The District's primary revenue sources are from royalties on sand and gravel extractions, and a replenishment charge on groundwater extracted from within the District.

District Boundary

