



SAWCO WATERWORKS

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RAINFALL DATA

	2021	2022	2023
Jan.	3.31	.22	6.26
Feb.	.03	.44	5.99
Mar.	1.52	1.84	10.86
April	.88	1.06	1.44
May.	.45	.36	1.14
June	.01	.21	.79
July	.19	.00	.00
Aug.	.00	.00	2.94
Sept.	.00	1.65	.94
Oct.	1.21	.99	.16
Nov.	.00	5.57	.81
Dec.	11.25	5.13	1.28
TOTAL	18.85	17.47	32.61

1958-2013 Annual rainfall average: 22.40"
Rainfall data collected from
www.usace.army

BIDS RESULTS

On November 14, 2023, the San Antonio Water Company held a stock auction to clear outstanding debts owed by shareholders. Three stock certificates were up for auction. The company received a total of 7 bids with the highest bidders and bid amounts received as follows:

<u>Stock Certificate #</u>	<u>Share Amount</u>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>	<u>High Bidders Name</u>	<u>High Bid Amount</u>
A13283	1/4 share	\$ 8,500.00	Hartanto L. Justin	\$ 16,928.00
A13282	1/4 share	\$ 8,500.00	City of Upland	\$ 10,000.00
A11023	1/4 share	\$ 8,500.00	Mallu Reddy	\$ 17,000.00

Thank you to all of those that bid on the auction shares and congratulations to our highest bidders.

Welcome our new Board Member

We are excited to welcome our new director, Becky Miller. Becky has resided in the San Antonio Heights for a long time. She has served as a Board Member of the San Antonio Heights Association for 10 years and has served as President for 2 years. She is currently a Upland Heritage Board Member. Becky is retired from her extensive career in teaching and now desires to bring a team work ethic to common sense decisions with regards to current water planning issues and budgetary concerns. Help us welcome Becky!



GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

Happy 2024 everyone! I hope the year treats you with kindness.

The Company had a good 2023. Rainfall was above 'average' and spread out over many storms. Water demand was down due to the mild weather, allowing the Company to put significant water (7,000+ acre-feet) into storage for future use.

Something else exciting happened in 2023 related to SAWCO. The Ontario Museum of History & Art opened a new exhibit called, "Built on Water", a historical retrospective of water in and around Ontario. A couple of years ago the Company was contacted by representatives of the Museum regarding the mutual history of Ontario and SAWCO. The Museum wanted to know if we had anything of historical interest to loan for the exhibit.

I'm happy to state that we did, in fact, have some interesting artifacts that were loaned to the Museum's important story telling of local water. I encourage everyone to visit the Museum for a visual tour of the importance of water on our historical regional development. SAWCO played a crucial role in the development of Ontario. Please check the following link for Museum hours and directions. [www.https://www.ontariomuseum.org/built-on-water/OntarioMuseum.org](https://www.ontariomuseum.org/built-on-water/OntarioMuseum.org)



Formed in 1882, SAWCO is the oldest operating mutual water company in California. George and William Chaffey purchased 8,000-acres of the Cucamonga Rancho in 1882 and formed the Ontario Colony, in honor of their Canadian homeland. That same year the brothers formed the San Antonio Water Company to provide irrigation water to the anticipated citrus groves they hoped to see.

The brothers sold irrigation colony land in 10-acre blocks. Along with the land, the brothers sold shares in the Company, one share for each purchased acre. Each shareholder was entitled to a portion of available local water, distributed equally by the company amongst all the shareholders. The Company was responsible for distributing water on a non-profit basis to the shareholders. Ensuring a water supply was critical for the success of the Ontario Colony. Water, as always, has been scarce in Southern California. In 1882 it was not common for irrigation systems to be developed to serve and provide for multiple independently owned farms. Thus the San Antonio Water Company, as a unified source of water for multiple farms, served as the 'sugar' in the lemonade that the Chaffey Brothers were selling to potential citrus grove farmers.

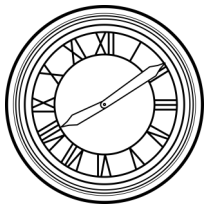


Although the local citrus industry has largely disappeared, the Company maintains delivery to current shareholders utilizing the same successful 'per share' distribution plan established over 139 years ago.

What's Happening?

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER'S MEETING

Each year, San Antonio Water Company (SAWCo) holds a meeting of the shareholders. At this meeting, there is a recap of the past year's activities and every two years there is an election of directors. There will be no election this year. SAWCo is governed by a seven member Board. The next annual shareholder's meeting will be held on **April 9, 2024** at Upland City Hall @ 6:00 p.m. This meeting is for the Shareholders and hope that you will come out and see what your shareholdings is all about.




BACK TO THE FUTURE

On January 1, 2024, the "Over Entitlement" Tier 2 rate shall revert back to \$1.78 per unit as established in the Company's 2017 Rate Study.

SIGN UP FOR WATERSCOPE

The Water Company upgraded its meter technology to help shareholders understand their water consumption. Our hope is the new technology will encourage conservation by showing shareholders how they are using their water. Additionally, the new meters will also alert shareholders to possible leaks on their home's water system.

In a nutshell, the new meters have a simple cell phone strapped to their register. The new meters record water consumption every minute and text 24-hours of information once-a-day to our computer server through local cellular networks.

Water consumption information is securely available for each shareholder to review. The site is called WaterScope and it is available through a web browser (Safari, Firefox, etc.) @ <https://www.waterscope.us/> 

To register with WaterScope you will need your account number and the meter number (which is the VN number in WaterScope). Both numbers are located on your water bill.

Water Bill	
Account Number	AMOUNT DUE
XX-XXXX-XX	\$64.14
Due Date	Amount Enclosed
6/11/2021	
Service Address	
1111 Water Street	

Bill Date	
21	6/10/2021
METER NUMBER	METER FROM
XXXXXXX	04/30
DESCRIPTION	
PREVIOUS BALANCE	
PAYMENTS	
PAST DUE AMOUNT MUST BE PAID IN	
TIER 1 ENTITLEMENT	



Once registered on WaterScope, you can download the application on your cell phone/tablet (just search the app store for 'WaterScope'). Here is a video link showing how to register with WaterScope: https://youtu.be/DW_MHkG-JLc

We hope this becomes a useful conservation tool for you especially to alert you of any leaks and get those repaired as soon as possible. Avoid large unexpected water bills by being proactive in your water usage.

SAWCo Waterworks

is produced quarterly to keep San Antonio Water Company shareholders informed about water-related issues and upcoming events. If you have any questions or comments, please call the office at 909-982-4107.



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You will be missed

In August, Martha Goss resigned as a Director of the San Antonio Water Company Board. She was elected to the Board in April 2019 and again earlier this year. Martha was known to come by the office or phone staff to catch up on the latest issues. She was very active on the Board and always put the Water company's needs first. Some of the accomplishments she helped get done include improving infrastructure with pipelines and reservoirs. She was also instrumental in being a liaison between the Heights and the City of Upland. Her recent move to Arizona resulted in her not being as involved as she would have liked. Because she values giving her all to what she is doing, she felt it best to resign. We will miss her and wish her the best in Arizona.