



Castaic Lake Water Agency FY 2011/12 Budget



**A public agency providing reliable, quality water at a reasonable cost to the Santa Clarita Valley.
Located in northwest Los Angeles County and eastern Ventura County in southern California.**



The theme of the FY 2011/12 Budget celebrates the Castaic Lake Water Agency's Golden Anniversary with fifty years of outstanding service.

The Castaic Lake Water Agency (Agency) was organized as the Upper Santa Clara Valley Water Agency on April 20, 1962 by passage of Assembly Bill No. 26, Chapter 28, California Statutes of 1962. The Agency was formed to bring a supplemental water supply to its service area from the State Water Project, and provide the necessary treatment and conveyance facilities to treat and deliver this water.

In 1970, the Upper Santa Clara Valley Water Agency changed its name to the Castaic Lake Water Agency. Ten years later, the Agency commenced deliveries of imported State Water Project water to the Santa Clarita Valley.

The Agency Act was amended in 1986; Assembly Bill No. 4175 enhanced the Agency's ability to provide for water use planning and financing of water infrastructure for its wholesale service area. Among the provisions of the amendment was the expansion of the Board of Directors to eleven members and the authorization to establish and impose developer impact fees.

In 1999, the Agency purchased the Santa Clarita Water Company and changed its name to the Santa Clarita Water Division (SCWD).

On April 20, 2012, the Castaic Lake Water Agency will proudly begin its sixth decade. For fifty years, it has fulfilled its mission to provide reliable, quality water at a reasonable cost to the Santa Clarita Valley.

The cover photos are:

- ◆ **Construction of the Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant** (top) – Construction workers laying the pipeline that conveys water from the Castaic Lake intake structure to the future Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant (1977).
- ◆ **Construction of the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant** (bottom left) – An aerial view of the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant (RVWTP) site during construction (1993).
- ◆ **Castaic Lake Water Agency's First Board of Directors** (bottom center) – Appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Agency's first Board included William G. Bonelli, Jr., Robert L. Essick, Ray Fisher, Oram L. Martin, Roger C. Morey, Everett W. Nichols and Earl Schmidt (1964).
- ◆ **Water Expert Outreach Program** – As part of a public outreach program, Karen Denkinger, Event Coordinator, is one of the Agency's "water experts". The outreach campaign highlights Agency personnel at work and strengthens the Agency's reputation as a credible, effective and reliable authority for water infrastructure, management and policy (2011).

NOTE: A timeline of significant Agency milestones can be found throughout the FY 2011/12 Budget.



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