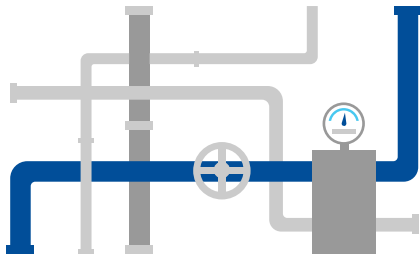
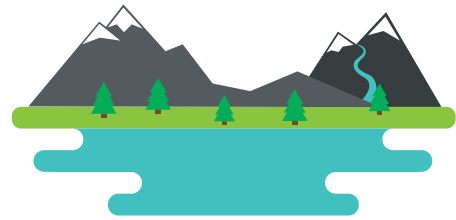




WHAT'S BEHIND THE VALUE OF WATER?

WHERE IT STARTS

Before it reaches your tap, your water is pumped from rivers, reservoirs or underground aquifers, and then filtered, cleaned, and tested before being sent into a distribution system.



INFRASTRUCTURE

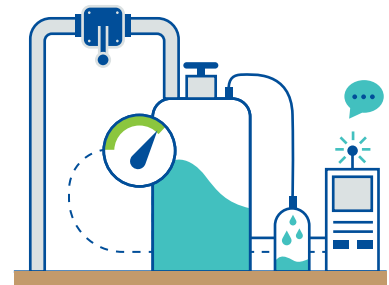
Local water agencies invest millions of dollars each year to ensure safe and reliable supplies of water by upgrading pipes, technology and treatment plants.

Much of California's water infrastructure is approaching the end of its useful lifespan and must be replaced. This will ensure that we have a safe and reliable supply of water for consumption, irrigation and fire suppression.

TECHNOLOGY

California has the most stringent water quality standards in the nation. Advances in water monitoring technology allow for the detection of contaminants at ever-smaller concentrations.

Improving water treatment technology allows California access to high-quality, safe drinking water supplies. Water suppliers across California invest millions in testing each year.



ENERGY

Approximately 20% of statewide electricity use powers the pumping, treating and moving of water. Water agencies use technology and innovation to minimize the impact of energy costs on customers.

Water districts constantly explore ways to save energy and sometimes produce their own to minimize costs. This includes solar, wind and hydro energy to help power treatment facilities.

PEOPLE

Maintaining water quality and reliability requires skilled professionals from highly competitive fields, including engineers, scientists, planners, administrators and certified operators.

Imagine a laboratory, industrial plant and general contracting firm responsible for public health and 24-hour emergency response. That can describe a water district and its range of employees.

