



Summer Groundwater Games event generates educational family fun

Bella the Bee buzzed around BSMWC's first Summer Groundwater Games, which included pizza, prizes, and a "Build Your Own Aquifer" activity.

Youngsters used ice cream, cookie crumbs, gummy candies, chocolate sprinkles, and soda to mimic the rock, sand and water layers of a groundwater basin. The games were held July 19 at Simms Park Auditorium.

"The event was designed for people of all ages to have fun and learn about the source of our local water supply and why it's so valuable," General Manager Steve Lenton said. "The kids and their families learned a lot and had fun, too!"

After Lenton gave an overview of the Company's history, water supply and delivery system, the children and their families enjoyed eating the edible aquifers they created.

The Summer Groundwater Games were part of BSMWC's free educational offerings for shareholders.

For more information, visit [BSMWC.com/education](https://www.bsmwc.com/education).



Pure Bellflower: See the excellence in your water

BSMWC's annual Water Quality Report is available!



The results of water quality tests conducted in 2021 show that the water delivered by BSMWC meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards.

Details of the tests are included in the annual Water Quality Report, which was posted online on July 1. The report also includes information about where your water comes from, how it is tested, what it contains, and how it compares to health and safety regulations.



To view the report, please visit our website at [BSMWC.com](https://www.bsmwc.com) or scan the QR code on the left.

New water main delivers greater reliability

Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company completed a pipeline project in March that improves water service for nearly 50,000 shareholders.

About 1,300 feet of 12-inch mainline was constructed along Leahy Avenue and Maplewood Street.

The work is part of the Company's ongoing commitment to investing in the 66 miles of pipelines, pumps and other water system components to ensure reliability. The new main minimizes leaks and main breaks and increases water flows for firefighting.



Poster contest inspires winning conservation-focused art

Three talented youngsters took home prizes as the winners of the Company's annual "Water is Life" poster art contest, which aims to encourage efficient water use at home and outdoors.

The winning entries came from students in the Bellflower community and were announced at the Board of Directors meeting in April. The Company received more than 100 entries from students in kindergarten to 12th grade.

Students who created the top three posters received Amazon gift cards. **The winners were:**



1ST PLACE
Daveney H.
4th grade
Valley Christian Elementary



2ND PLACE
Donovan M.
6th grade
Washington Elementary



3RD PLACE
Catherine S.
5th grade
Ernie Pyle Elementary

"I'm amazed at the creativity and talent of our young artists and their ability to convey the conservation message so effectively," General Manager Steve Lenton said. "It's important for young people to understand the value of water, which is why BSMWC prioritizes educational programs like the poster contest."

BSMWC's winning posters advanced to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) regional contest. From there, 36 entries are selected for MWD's Water is Life calendar, distributed to schools and the community. The artwork will be featured on MWD outreach materials, and BSMWC will spotlight the student's artwork throughout the next few months.

Participating classrooms in the service area were eligible to receive an art supply kit valued at \$70, including crayons and colored pencils for kids who wanted to participate.

To view the winning entries and learn more about BSMWC's education outreach programs, please visit [BSMWC.com/education](https://www.bsmwc.com/education).



Bella the Bee talks drought and what you can do

The statewide drought continues to intensify. Although the Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company provides local groundwater to shareholders and is not directly impacted by diminishing imported supplies, the Company encourages shareholders to step up efforts to reduce water use.

In late May, the State Water Resources Control Board enacted mandatory water use restrictions that ban irrigation of decorative grass at commercial, industrial, and institutional properties. The ban does not apply to turf used for recreation, such as sports fields or at residences, nor does it pertain to the water needed to maintain trees.

The regulation requires all urban water suppliers to implement conservation actions under Level 2 of their Water Storage Contingency Plans to reach an overall reduction of 10% to 20%. The Board of Directors declared a Level 2 Water Supply Shortage effective June 20, 2022.



The following conservation rules are in effect:

- No washing down sidewalks, driveways or other paved surfaces
- No watering lawns between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- No watering the lawn more than two days per week (Even numbered properties will be Mondays and Thursdays and odd-numbered properties will be Tuesdays and Fridays)
- No watering the lawn within 48 hours after rain
- Any leaks on the property must be fixed as soon as possible
- No washing of vehicles unless using a handheld bucket and a hose with an automatic shutoff nozzle
- No cleaning, filling or maintaining water levels in a decorative fountain that does not recirculate the water



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