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## **Newly dedicated well will boost water quality and reliability**

BELLFLOWER, CA (October 13, 2022) – Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company's (BSMWC) new Leahy Well was dedicated in honor of former BSMWC Board member Jerry Larsen during a ceremony on October 8.

The BSMWC Board of Directors joined staff, shareholders and Larsen's family at the well's pump house for a brief ceremony marked by words of remembrance for Larsen, who was a strong advocate for the Leahy Well.

"Jerry, my father, loved serving his community," said his daughter, Teri Larsen. "He was deeply committed to offering his guidance and expertise to Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company for almost 50 years and would be so honored to know the well was dedicated in his memory."



**BSMWC Board President Rick Cook talks about longtime Board member Jerry Larsen at the Leahy Well Dedication.**

Larsen was first elected to the Somerset Mutual Water Company Board of Directors in 1970 and was instrumental in the merger with Bellflower Mutual Water Company. He continued serving on the BSMWC Board of Directors until his passing in 2019.

"The reliability that the Leahy Well provides is exceptional, something our team is proud to have accomplished for Bellflower-Somerset shareholders," said BSMWC General Manager Steve Lenton, who spoke at the ceremony.

The new well will improve water quality and reliability for about 50,000 Bellflower residents served by BSMWC. The Leahy Well will pump up to 3,500 gallons of water per minute, allowing BSMWC to refurbish or replace existing wells without impacting service.

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**Leahy Well Dedication attendees tour the pump house.**

Other speakers at the ceremony included Joy Langford, a Board member for the Water Replenishment District; Bellflower City Council Member Dan Koops; and BSMWC Board President Rick Cook, who led the ribbon cutting. The ceremony was followed by a tour of the well pump house.



**Phyllis Larsen cuts the ribbon in honor of her late husband, Jerry, at the well dedication.**

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### ***About Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company***

*Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company traces its roots back to 1911 when the Bellflower and Somerset Mutual Water Companies were created to provide water service to the community. The two merged in 1988, creating Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company. As a mutual water company, landowners served by BSMWC are also shareholders in the not-for-profit company. The BSMWC service area covers 1,943 acres and includes 64% of all water connections within the City of Bellflower. This encompasses 6,938 service connections delivering water to approximately 49,000 people. The BSMWC water distribution system includes five wells, a 2-million-gallon reservoir, 66 miles of water mains, and four booster pumps.*