

We Are Always Working to Deliver High-Quality Water

Head of Water Engineering Group Started as Intern

Michelle Carrey started as an intern in our water engineering group while getting her bachelor's degree from California State University, San Luis Obispo. Through hard work and successful projects, she now serves as the supervising engineer with 10 members on her team.

There's no "typical" workday for Carrey. One day may include meetings and another may bring her into the field. "I enjoy going to one of our two water treatment plants when they

are out of service for maintenance. This is when we look for abnormalities or evidence of deterioration," said Carrey.

One big program she's overseen is Meters Matter to install approximately 138,000 meters on customer points of service. It is a more equitable way to charge customers while encouraging efficient water use. It is close to 97 percent complete and on time and under budget.



Got Leaks?

Water leaks and drips can add up to significant amounts of water waste and higher costs on your bill. A leaky faucet at one drip per second can cost you around \$54 per year. Fix yours now!



CHECK YOUR WATER METER

Shut off all the water in and outside your home. Check your meter to see if the register dial is turning.



MONITOR YOUR WATER BILL

Check for inconsistencies against the prior month or prior year.



LOOK FOR LEAKS

Find clogged sprinkler valves or wet areas on landscaping that don't dry up.

Hey homeowners! Reduce water and energy bills through no-cost, direct install, leak repair assistance. For more info, visit cityofsacramento.org/leak-free-sacramento.

STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM SPOTLIGHT

Your storm drainage system protects your street and property from flooding during big rain storms. Because of its age, it needs constant care by City of Sacramento Utilities staff. They make sure it's always working during the rainy season so storm water flows to the river rather than backing up on streets and into your car, home or business. This system of drains, pipelines, pumps and other infrastructure is what protects your property from serious damage during storm events.

Utilities has a 30-year plan which outlines hundreds of millions of dollars necessary for system repairs, upgrades and replacements. Several key elements need immediate improvement or they may fail. Other projects must be completed

to ensure we meet stringent regulatory requirements. Unfortunately, there is not adequate budget available to complete the needed improvements.

A recent condition assessment found the electrical systems in almost 20 percent of your pump stations are failing or at the end of their useful life. The electrical systems keep your 105 drainage pump stations running to be able to move storm water during big storms. While some budget is being allocated to upgrade them, funding is available for only the most critical repairs.

We are always working to keep your system operating to protect public health and safety. Check out preventstreetflooding.com for more info.



Save Money and Water

Saving money on your water bill is easy.



Cut your shower time by half to save approximately 12.5 gallons of water each time.



Turn off your faucet while brushing your teeth or washing your hands to save approximately 10 gallons a day.



Run full loads of dishes and laundry instead of partial loads to save 15-50 gallons a load.



Turn off your hose when washing the car between rinses to save about 150 gallons.

Schedule a free Water Wise House Call with a City specialist. They will even pre-qualify you for rebates. Call **311** or email 311@cityofsacramento.org to schedule.

City of
SACRAMENTO
Department of Utilities

YEAR ROUND WATERING SCHEDULE



MARCH 1-OCTOBER 31

Even Numbered Addresses Wednesday & Sunday*

Odd Numbered Addresses Tuesday & Saturday*

NOVEMBER 1-FEBRUARY 28

Even Numbered Addresses Saturday or Sunday**

Odd Numbered Addresses Saturday or Sunday**

Learn about your watering options at SacWaterWise.com

*Sprinklers on automatic timers are allowed to water before 10 am and after 7 pm
**No time restrictions

REMEMBER: Do not water 48 hours after measurable rainfall (1/8"+).

Meters Matter Almost Complete



METERS MATTER
responsible water management

In 2017, we started on one of the City's most significant capital improvement projects. Meters Matter installs water meters on every service connection and replaces some water service lines or mains and fire hydrants. It helps meet state mandate (AB2572) by 2025. We have installed nearly 135,000 meters or almost 97 percent of households. Work continues through 2021.

Questions? Call **916-808-5870** or email watermeter@cityofsacramento.org.