

# customer Pipeline



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## 95 years strong and looking to the next 100

**M**ay 22, 2018 marks EBMUD's 95th birthday. For just shy of a century, we've been bringing fresh mountain water to the people of the East Bay, planning for the future and maintaining the assets gifted to us by our early founders. As we celebrate, we reflect on the people and innovations that enable EBMUD to provide this essential water, as well as wastewater treatment that protects the San Francisco Bay.

In 1923, 18 small water providers consolidated under California's Municipal Utility District Act to become one EBMUD. In the decades since, we've built projects to serve generations, and we've adopted more efficient and technologically-advanced ways to do our work. In the early days, we used hollowed-out

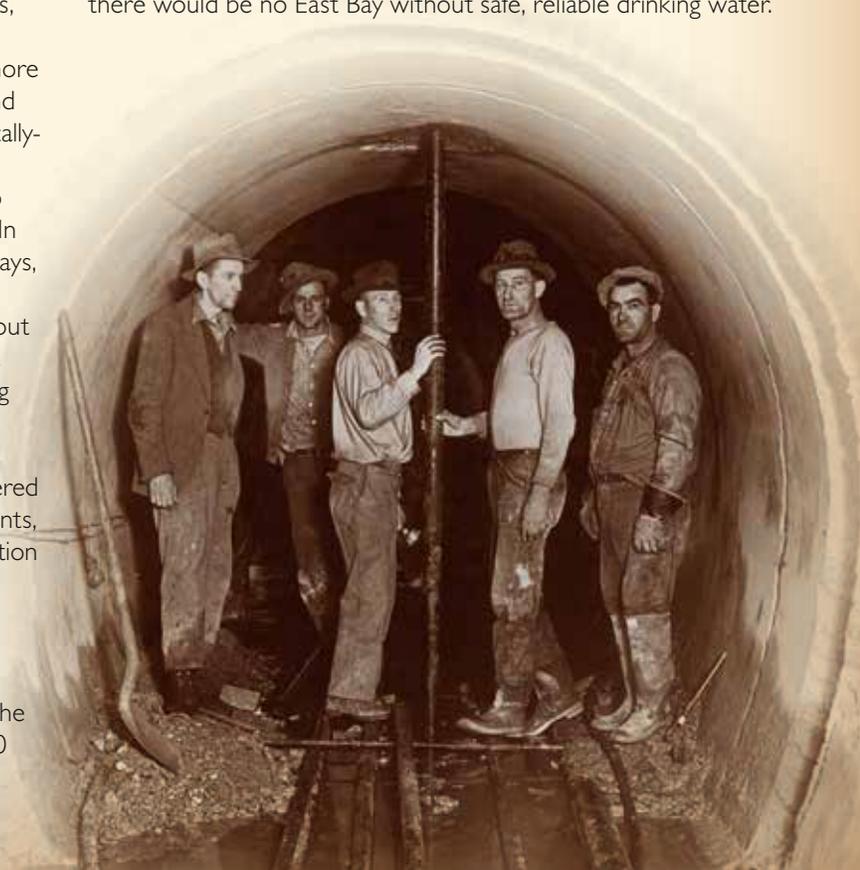
redwood trees as pipes. Now, we use a variety of sustainable materials—including those that can move with the shifting ground during earthquakes. When development scaled hillsides, we engineered pressure zones, built new treatment plants, and pumped water to a growing population at the highest elevations.

Even now, we rely on the work of our founders. Built in 1926, Pardee Tunnel connects Pardee Reservoir, where we capture Sierra Nevada snowmelt, to our three Mokelumne Aqueducts, which deliver water 90 miles to the East Bay. The 8-foot diameter tunnel stretches for nearly 12,000 feet and was built by hand using timber and concrete delivered

by horses, before the invention of the tractor. It can carry up to 230 million gallons of raw water each day to EBMUD's water treatment plants. Though approaching a century-old, an inspection of the tunnel earlier this year showed it continues to stand strong.

If you look around your neighborhood, you too can find pieces of EBMUD's history. Whether it's an 80-year-old fire hydrant, an East Bay Water Company (E.B.W.Co.) valve cover, or the dam and treatment works of Lake Chabot, EBMUD is woven into the fabric of California's history. After all, there would be no East Bay without safe, reliable drinking water.

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# Summer Staycation

It's summertime and the staycation is easy. As part of EBMUD's mission, we make water and watersheds available to you. Whether you're looking for local outdoor recreation in the East Bay, or want to get away to the Sierra Foothills, it's that time of year to be in, near and around water.

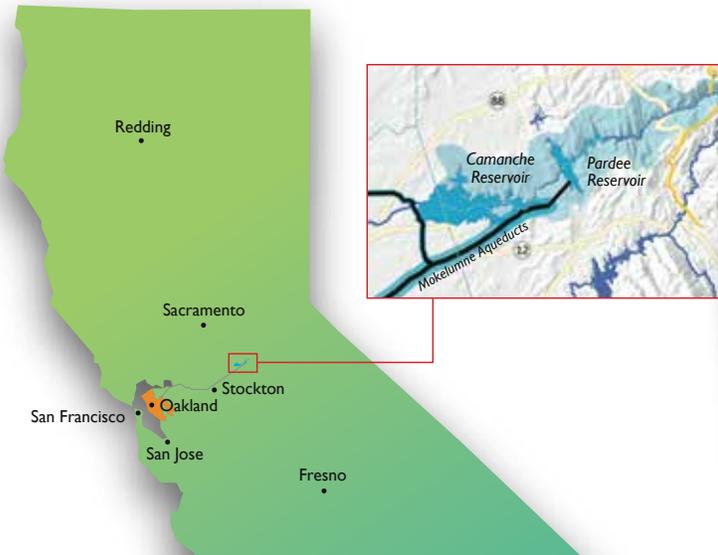
While we work to protect our watersheds, wildlife and ecosystems for the next East Bay generation, we invite you to enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Enjoy endless summer days and nights at Pardee and Camanche Reservoirs—just two hours away from the East Bay—where bass and trout fishing is strong and hiking trails stretch for miles. While Pardee (like all our drinking water reservoirs) is a no-body-contact lake, you're more than welcome to take a dip in Camanche.

Camanche also offers self-guided bird-watching tours, boat rentals and camping spots for the ultimate getaway. Don't forget to bring your pups to enjoy all that the watershed has to offer.

If a two-hour drive is too long, keep it local at Lafayette or San Pablo reservoirs. Both of these bodies of water are surrounded by expansive trails, and allow boating and fishing as well. Enjoy picnics, barbecues and bird-watching from any of the reservoirs' beautiful lookouts. Parks close at sundown every day. Visit [ebmud.com/recreation](http://ebmud.com/recreation) for trail use permits, maps and more.

While you're out, don't forget to stay hydrated and take a Drink from the Sink! EBMUD tap water is the most refreshing water around. Keep an eye out for EBMUD's mobile water trailer (our "Water on Wheels") serving up cold, fresh, free tap water at summer festivals and events throughout the East Bay.



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## EBMUD Mission Statement

To manage the natural resources with which the District is entrusted; to provide reliable, high-quality water and wastewater services at fair and reasonable rates for the people of the East Bay; and to preserve and protect the environment for future generations.

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