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# MID-PENINSULA WATER DISTRICT CELEBRATES 85 YEARS OF WATER SERVICE



*The public utility has served the community since the Roaring Twenties*

BELMONT, CA (August, 2014) – The Mid-Peninsula Water District (MPWD) celebrated 85 years of providing water service to its customers within the communities of Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood City and unincorporated County of San Mateo on July 2, 2014. MPWD began with the consolidation of several smaller local water agencies, coming together as the Belmont County Water District on July 2, 1929, with just a single employee. Its first meeting convened on September 16, 1929, at the Belmont Women’s Club.

“MPWD emerged as the Roaring Twenties came to a close, and we’ve proudly served our community for 85 years,” says Louis J. Vella, President of MPWD and a Board Member since 1999. “We’ve expanded from one employee to 17 full-time employees and grown our assets from \$51,083 in 1931 to more than \$20 million today. We’re proud of our long history serving the community and eager to continue this proud tradition.”

Looking to the future, conservation will play a vital role in the way MPWD continues to serve the community – particularly now, as the state faces drought conditions. The utility is enlisting customers’ cooperation to voluntarily reduce water usage by 20 percent and comply with the State’s emergency water conservation regulations, which took effect on August 1st. For more information about water conservation, please visit [www.MidPeninsulaWater.org/conservation](http://www.MidPeninsulaWater.org/conservation).



*Left to Right: Hallmark water storage tanks are erected in 1967. MPWD office on Folger in Belmont 1976. MPWD operations center today in Belmont. MPWD serves 28,000 customers and has many outreach programs in the communities it serves.*

**ABOUT THE MID-PENINSULA WATER DISTRICT:** The Mid-Peninsula Water District has been functioning as a public utility since 1929, and in 2014 is celebrating 85 years of service to the communities of Belmont, portions of San Carlos and Redwood City as well as unincorporated San Mateo County. The District supplies water to 28,000 consumers within approximately five square miles. It is managed by a five-member elected Board of Directors and 17 full-time employees. For more details, go to the District’s website at [www.midpeninsulawater.org](http://www.midpeninsulawater.org).