



CANONITA TANK RENOVATION PROJECT UNDERWAY

A key part of our water distribution system are the water tanks that store water to meet daily peak demands. We monitor our tanks continuously via our computer control systems and inspect our tanks every week. Most of our tanks are made out of thick steel with special epoxy coatings. On a regular basis all tanks are inspected internally either by a complete drain and washout or using a remotely operated submersible vehicle that is specially designed for use in potable water.

All coatings degrade over time, if our inspections show any sort of degradation we schedule the tank for recoating. We have a long-term contract with Suez Inc. to provide this specialized service. Right now we are recoating our Canonita Tank located off of Stewart Canyon Road.

This process starts by cutting a big door in the side of the tank's $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick steel walls. This doorway shown below allows equipment to enter the tank. The next step is sand blasting the interior and exterior to get down to bare metal. The second image below was taken before the sandblasting began.

Once this is done a thorough inspection of the walls and rafters is done and any corrosion eliminated. Our contractor then recoats the walls with special epoxies until the coating reaches the proper thickness. The final step is to weld the door back shut using specialty welding equipment and finish the coating.

After completion the tank is refilled and routine lab tests are run to ensure water quality. The complete process is expected to take ten to twelve weeks. Customers normally receiving water from this tank are currently being feed by our North or Rainbow Hills Reservoir.





A SENSE OF PURPOSE

Rainbow Municipal Water District is honored to have made the front cover of the April 2018 edition of the Municipal Water & Sewer Magazine. Last month's magazine profiles Rainbow Municipal Water District, highlighting many of our accomplishments, challenges, improvements, depleting infrastructure and maintenance programs. RMWD General Manager, Tom Kennedy, also spoke with the magazine about a shift in the District's customer base from primarily agricultural to include an increasing amount of residential based users and the process of constructing and implementing the District's Strategic Plan.

April's edition of the Municipal Water & Sewer Magazine talks about many of the challenges faced in the recent years and how RMWD came back from the brink of a takeover. As in many of our recent newsletters we are actively discussing our current processes and procedures with stakeholders and are continuously pleased at the positive responses received for keeping our customers up-to-date with our methods and any new developments. The article also touches on the District's asset management software which will be the topic of next month's four-page newsletter.

If you would like to read the entire water and sewer magazine article go to: <https://www.mswmag.com/search/results?q=rainbow>

DISTRICT RECOGNITION FOR GUARD AND RESERVE SUPPORT

At the April 24, 2018 Regular Board meeting Frank Gardner, Area Chair for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), presented the "Above and Beyond Award" to the Board of Directors for supporting the National Guard and Reserve Forces. This award is given at the local level to those who have gone above and beyond the legal requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Right Act by providing a Guard or Reserve employee additional, non-mandatory benefits.

The District received this award in recognition of its continuing support to the National Defense in supporting their members in their military service locally and on deployment when called upon. This award is given out in limited numbers by the State Committees to employers who have had at least one of their supervisors or managers recognized with a Patriot Award, such as Reservist Darren Milner, Operations Manager at Rainbow MWD.



(pictured above – from left to right Frank Gardner, President Brazier and Operations Manager Darren Milner)

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