

## Shake it Off for Earthquake Safety

Earthquake tips for preparation, survival, and recovery.

The region has weathered heat waves, tropical storms, and wildfires in recent months. Thanks to the quick response from local agencies and Rainbow Municipal Water District, the damage was minimal, and water service remained uninterrupted due to natural disaster response policies.

Preparation is the key to responding to a natural disaster, and earthquakes are no different. The devastation from an earthquake impacts residents, businesses, and infrastructure. The team at RMWD remains on call 365 days a year to respond to emergencies and restore service to residents.

The best time for residents to prepare for an earthquake is before it strikes. While earthquakes can happen any time, developing a plan that best suits your needs is important. Read below for tips to prepare for an earthquake.

### Practice for a Quake

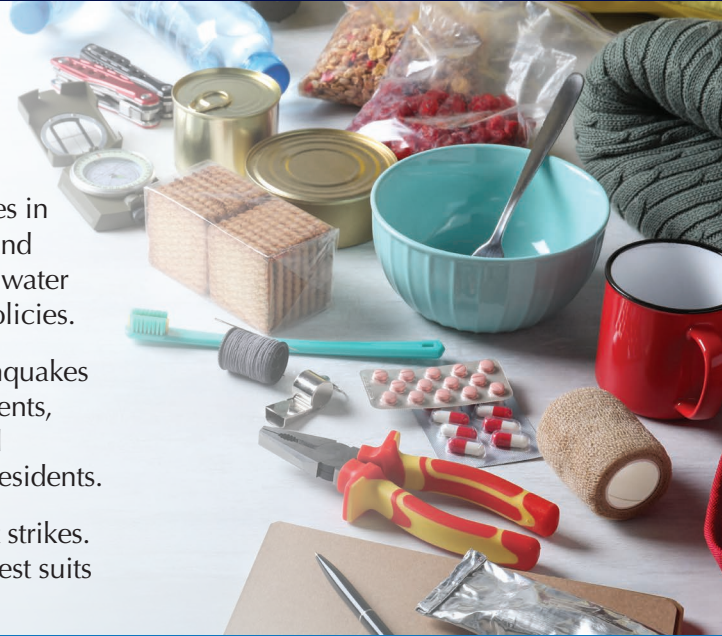
Over 8 million Californians will participate in earthquake drills for the international Shakeout day on October 19. Create an earthquake drill for your home or business by visiting: [shakeout.org/california](https://shakeout.org/california)

### Download the Quake App

Earthquake Warning California is the first state-approved warning system that sends notification seconds before a 4.5 or greater earthquake. Download the MyShake app in the Apple App or Google Play store to receive the warnings. More information at: [earthquake.ca.gov](https://earthquake.ca.gov)

### Install a Flume Device

Flume is a smart home water sensor device installed on a water meter to monitor water usage. The device transmits electronic notifications through an app when water usage increases due to excessive use or leaks. The device is available for District ratepayers to purchase for \$49.99 plus shipping. Purchase flume online at: [flumewater.com/rainbow](https://flumewater.com/rainbow)

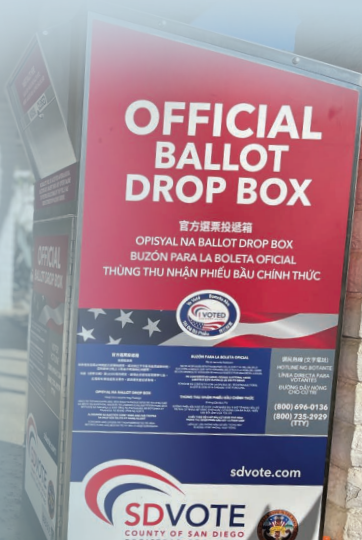


## Notice of Election to Vote on RMWD Detachment Measure B

The Local Agency Formation Committee voted on July 10, to approve the detachment of Rainbow Municipal Water District and Fallbrook Public Utility from the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) and annexation to the Eastern Municipal Water District. The proposed annexation is subject to terms and conditions, including an exit fee and an election by the residents of the District.

The special election to vote on RMWD Measure B is Tuesday, November 7. Ballots were sent to registered voters the week of October 8, and ballot drop-off locations are open through November 7. In-person voting at select polling locations will be available from October 28 through election day.

For more information on the election, hours, and polling locations, visit [sdvote.com](https://sdvote.com)



# RMWD Welcomes New General Manager

The Board of Directors of Rainbow Municipal Water District (RMWD) named Jake Wiley as the new General Manager at the August board meeting. Mr. Wiley began his new position at the helm of the District on September 25. He replaced former RMWD General Manager Tom Kennedy, who retired on October 4 after nine years of service.

As General Manager, Mr. Wiley serves as the top executive leader of the District, with accountability for all District activities related to delivering reliable, high-quality water distribution, and wastewater collection services to our ratepayers in a fiscally sustainable manner.

Mr. Wiley comes to the District with operational and technical expertise, and over 20 years of experience in the water industry. He has called North County home for 17 years, and has resided in Bonsall with his family for the past seven years. He brings a wealth of water industry knowledge and first-hand familiarity of the community as a District ratepayer.

“It is a tremendous benefit to our District to bring on board a general manager who is a member of our community and is familiar with the area,” said Hayden Hamilton, RMWD Board President. “As a Rainbow MWD ratepayer, Mr. Wiley understands the impact that every decision he makes will have on our customers.”

Mr. Wiley previously served as the Assistant General Manager, Engineering and Operations at Rancho



Jake Wiley (left) and Tom Kennedy (right) attend a District event.

California Water District in Temecula. He joined Rancho Water in 2011, and served various roles in the Engineering department including Engineering Manager. Before working at Rancho Water, he was a Water Resources Associate at RBF Consulting for over ten years.

Mr. Wiley holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. He is a California-licensed Professional Engineer and earned certifications from the California State Water Resources Control Board for Treatment and Distribution Operators.

“It’s an honor to be selected by the Rainbow Board of Directors as its next General Manager. I look forward to joining an outstanding team that provides an essential service to the community I care about most. Rainbow is an exceptional organization, and I relish the opportunity to come alongside the Board and staff to collectively navigate and thrive through the myriad of challenges we face as a Southern California water agency.”

## Steps to Prepare Before, During, and After an Earthquake



- 1 Secure your space by finding falling hazards and securing movable objects.
- 2 Create an emergency evacuation plan to include: exit and reunion plans, location of supplies, and phone numbers to communicate with family and friends.
- 3 Organize an earthquake kit with non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries, etc.
- 4 Gather all important documents and insurance information in one place.
- 5 Drop, cover, and hold when an earthquake strikes.
- 6 Improve safety, respond to injured individuals, and exit if necessary.
- 7 Recovery mode begins with damage repair to rebuild the community.

Explore more earthquake safety by visiting:  
[earthquakecountry.org/sevensteps/](http://earthquakecountry.org/sevensteps/)

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