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**SCV Water Celebrates
Second Annual California
Water Professionals Appreciation Week
October 6-14, 2018**

SCV Water is celebrating California's second annual Water Professionals Appreciation Week October 6-14, 2018, which highlights the important role of water industry professionals and local public water agencies in ensuring safe and reliable water, wastewater, and recycled water in California.

"Water is the lifeblood of California, and without safe and reliable water, no community or sector of the economy can thrive or expand," said SCV Water Board President, Bill Cooper.

SCV Water will be celebrating the week on its website and social media channels. Head over to yourSCVwater.com and visit "In the Spotlight" for more information, or connect with us on social media: [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). We'll show you what it takes to deliver water to your tap.

"We turn on the faucet and the water flows," stated SCV Water general manager Matt Stone. "We expect our water to always be available. It doesn't just happen, though. There are professionals working round the clock to ensure safe and reliable water is delivered to our homes and businesses."

SCV Water does more than just provide residents and businesses with water, we provide a comprehensive service that is focused on:

- **Reliability.** Maintaining current infrastructure and developing new infrastructure.
- **Quality.** Treating, monitoring and testing your water daily.
- **Supply.** Investing in various water supplies and planning for future water needs.

Water professionals work in a variety of fields, including, but not limited to: engineering, water treatment, finance, operations and maintenance, customer service and human resources.

Cooper added, "We are excited for the opportunity to recognize and honor the important contributions SCV Water employees provide to the community."

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About SCV Water:

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is a full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water provides water service to business and residential customers – half are local groundwater supplies and the other half is imported from the State Water Project and other sources.

SCV Water was formed on January 1, 2018 and combines the former service areas of Castaic Lake Water Agency, Newhall County Water District, Santa Clarita Water Division and Valencia Water Company. Following a multi-year public engagement process, the agency was formed through Senate Bill 634 authored by Senator Scott Wilk and signed by Governor Jerry Brown on October 15, 2017. SCV Water was formed to enhance regional water management and reduce costs for local ratepayers.

More information can be found at www.YourSCVwater.com

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More About Water Professionals Appreciation Week:

Water Professionals Appreciation Week was established in 2017 by Senate Concurrent Resolution 80, by Sen. Bill Dodd (D-Napa). Recent labor studies estimate that 60,000 people work in California's water industry and it needs roughly 6,000 new employees each year due to turnover. The water industry offers a wide variety of rewarding career opportunities in engineering, biology, finance, business administration, law, communications and many more types of positions in high-demand occupations.

The measure was sponsored by a coalition of water associations led by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and including WaterReuse California, California Municipal Utilities Association, California Association of Sanitation Agencies, and the California Water Association. Under SCR 80, the annually designated week begins on the first Saturday of October and ends on the Sunday of the following weekend.

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