

Myoma Dunes Mutual Water Company

History of Mutual Water Companies





History of Mutual Water in California


Mutual water companies are the bedrock of California's water system. The delivery of water services to places like present-day Los Angeles began in the 1800's with a mutual water company who constructed irrigation channels, and installed pumps as well as the basic plumbing that distributes the water to its shareholder-owned properties.



Over time, as some places became urbanized in the mid-1900's, some mutual water companies gave way to city-owned water departments and investor-owned utilities that are regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

- Some form of mutual or cooperative water company exists in all 50 of the United States. They are common in rural areas, but also provide water in urban or suburban areas. In California there are approximately 1,100 mutual water companies providing domestic water service to homeowners.





Myoma Dunes Mutual Water serves the community of Bermuda Dunes and a portion of La Quinta

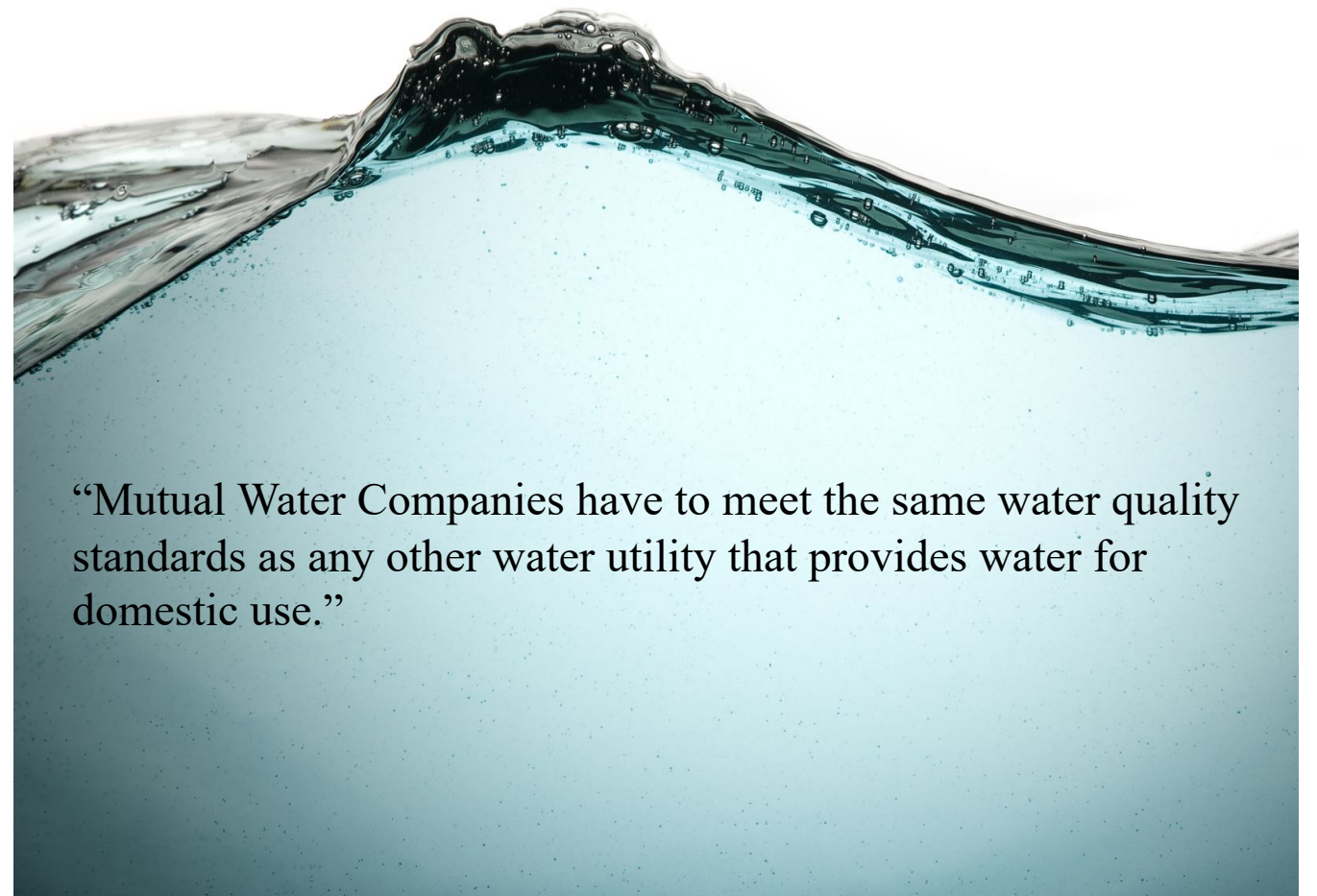
- Some mutual water companies are located in more than one city and are responsible for maintaining the water system that delivers water, some have invested so that they also have access to imported water operated by regional public water suppliers.

- Serving over 1.3 million Californians, mutual water companies are private not-for-profit organizations, providing clean, reliable, and cost-effective water solutions to hundreds-of-thousands of people, farms and small businesses.
- Mutual water companies also provide high-quality jobs to Californians from all parts of the state.

- Mutual water companies are organized under California Corporations Code 14300, regulated under the US EPA Safe Drinking Water Act, report to Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCO's) which exist in each California county as independent public agencies, and operate under a myriad of local/statewide/federal rules and regulations.
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- Mutual water companies are regulated by California's Water Code, Health and Safety Code and must abide by open meeting and records disclosure laws similar to many public water utilities.

Quality Control

State monitored



“Mutual Water Companies have to meet the same water quality standards as any other water utility that provides water for domestic use.”

Myoma is the only mutual member of the CV Water counts group

We serve a population of approximately 8900.

Established from a small water company in 1953.



Growth to the East Valley

As growth developed in the Bermuda Dunes Area there was a need for the water system to supply it.

Developer Ernie Dunlevie establish Myoma Dunes Mutual water as he built the Bermuda Dunes Country Club and opened the Airport in that community.



Questions

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