

City of California City

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Our Challenges and Solutions

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Our Challenges

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- Aging infrastructure
- Unsuccessful attempt to get voter approval to fund replacement of aging water infrastructure.
- Unsuccessful quest for grants from Federal and State Agencies

Houston, we have a problem!!!

Our Solutions

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- Completed Water Rate Study and Prop 218 compliant water rate increase.
- Raised Water Rates 60% first year (2014), 30% second and third year. 3% annually in out-years.
- Brought additional personnel onboard to replace and repair water lines and made capital investments to update equipment.
- Seek Grants

Would this be enough?

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Over 400 waterline ruptures in 2014





Property Damage



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“State mandates 36% decrease in water consumption for California City”

First report - May 2015

“California City - 28% increase in water usage”

LA Times July 6, 2015

“They stuck out like skunks at a drought-resistant garden party”

Channel 14 a CBS affiliate out of Sacramento describes California City as “the strangest place they had ever been to.”

Interview with LA Times

Why a 28% increase from 2013?

- Expansion of the Prisoner Population at California City Correctional Center - Grew by almost a 3rd.
- City began metering monthly use of municipal facilities in November 2014 - Prop 218
- Measuring monthly water use to baseline year 2013 does not include population increases that can skew reporting.
- Metering on well reporting more water movement than actual - replaced meter.
- Accounting errors - possible transfers of water between holding tanks may have been accidentally counted as consumption - working with state to correct.



Second Report

No Media attention.....

The City of California City used 130.8 million gallons in June.

“June total water use for the district **decreased 20%** compared with June 2013”

But this caught our eyes...

“The state water board will meet with this City, which may be hit with a conservation order.”

We'll get to that in a moment.....

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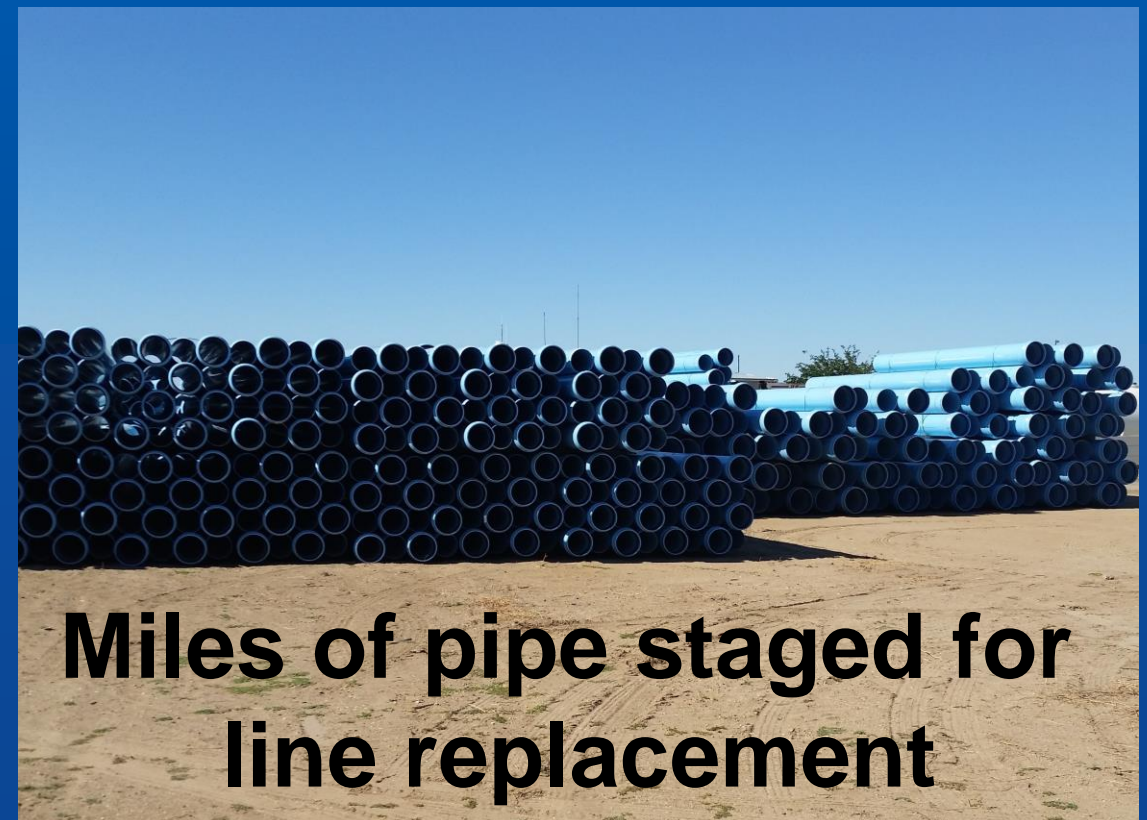




**Various sizes of
pipe staged**



**Line replacement
underway**



**Miles of pipe staged for
line replacement**

State Water Board

State Water Board Meeting

August 5, 2015 - Riverside

What we briefed to the board:

Presented facts on the severe condition of our infrastructure.

Population in 2013 versus Population in 2015.

Water Study Report and Prop 218 water rate increase.

Reporting issues being corrected.

Current water budget is in the red even with \$2 Million infusion of funding from city reserve.

IRWM established.

We await our Conservation Order

Questions?