

Connecticut Water

# Emergency Preparedness Webinar



### Presenters



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# Agenda

- Overview of San Jose Water (SJW) & Connecticut Water (CWC) Systems
- Emergency Management
  - How we prepare
  - How you can prepare
- Q&A



## **Emergency Management**

### What is Emergency Management? Our Mission



Protecting our People





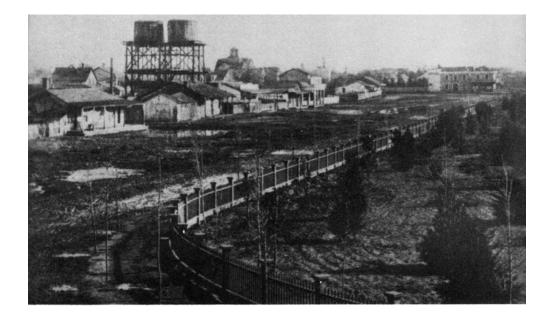
Protecting our Customers

Protecting Water Supply

# History of SJW



Incorporated 1866 230,000 service connections Serves population of 1M+ 6 Cities/Towns 346 Employees \$100M/year in infrastructure



## The SJW System

### 2,400 miles of pipelines

### **Diverse Water Supply**

#### **5 Surface Water Treatment Plants** SJW = **2** Valley Water = **3**

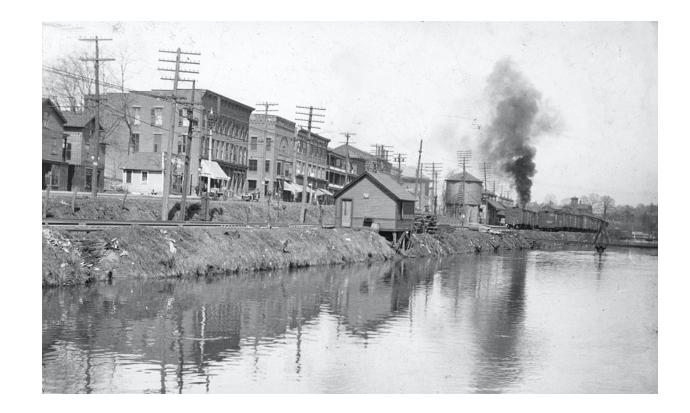
120+ Groundwater wells



## History of CWC



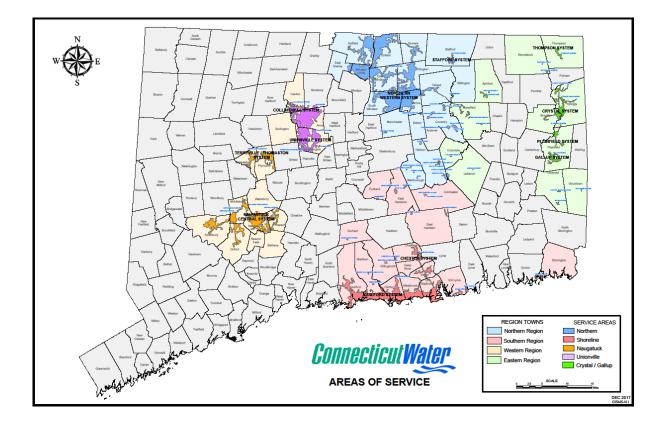
Incorporated in **1956** Dates back to late 1849 105,000 service connections Serves population of 350,000 60 Towns 200 Employees **\$900M** of infrastructure in CT



# The CWC System

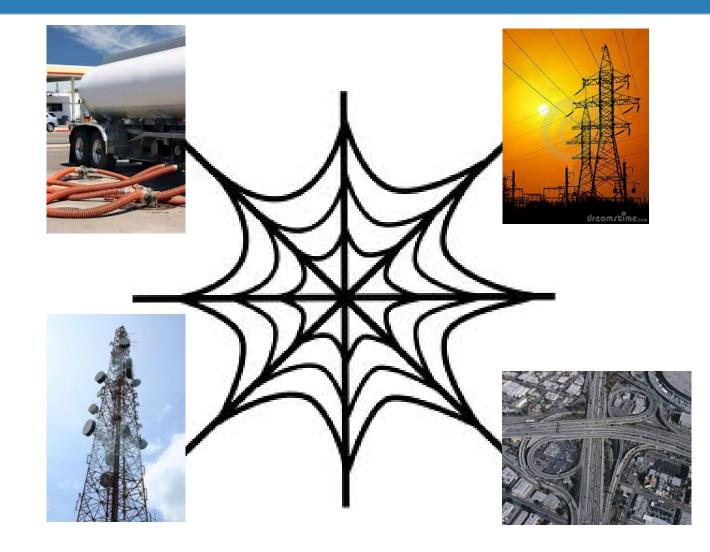


Distributed Water System 1742 Miles of Water Main 60 Separate Public Water Systems 1 Wastewater System 20 Contract Operated Systems 5 Surface Water Treatment Plants 208 Wells

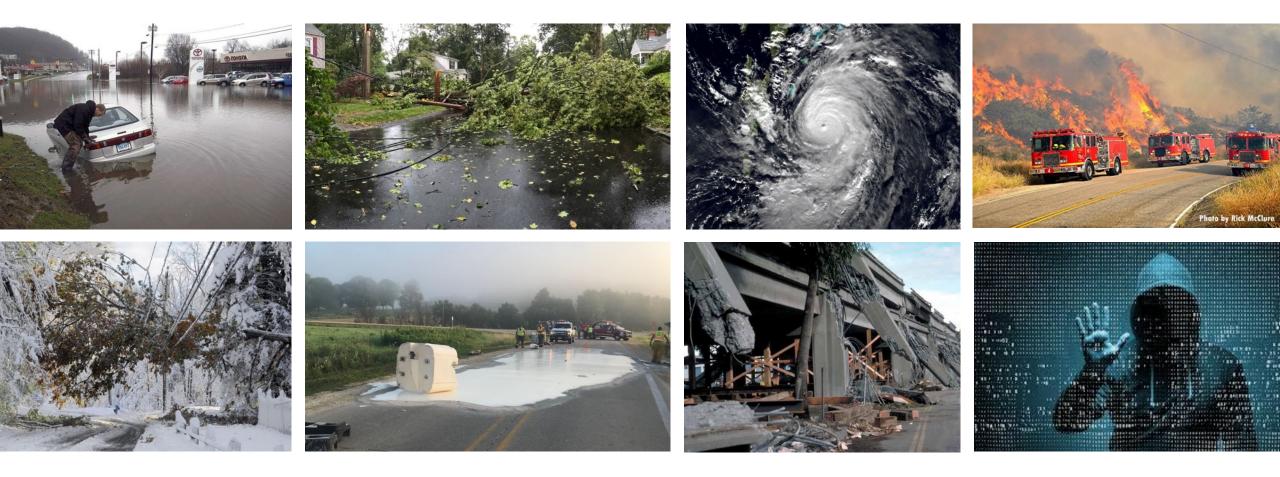




### Critical Infrastructure Web



## Impactful Events



### America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA)

#### **Risk and Resiliency Assessments**

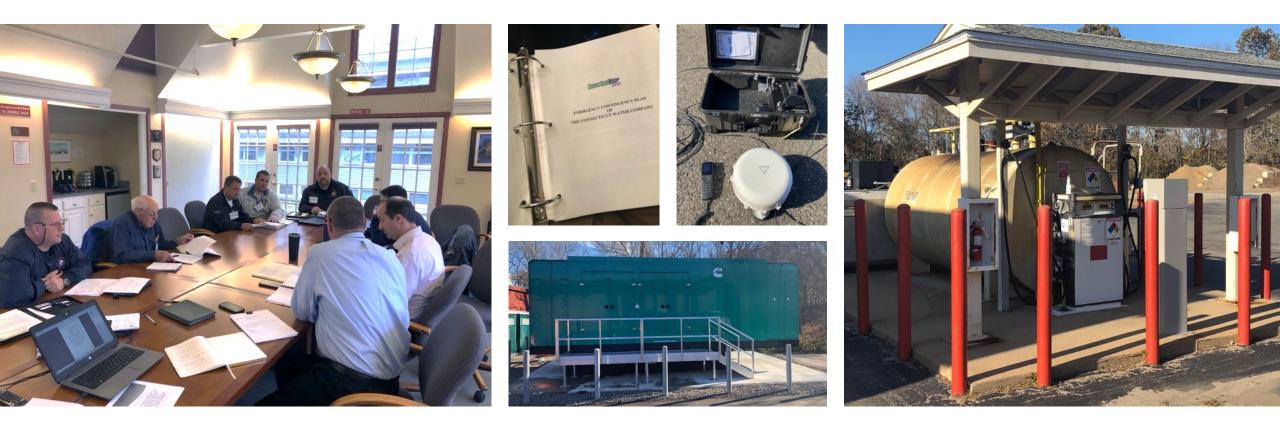
Internal Risks Robust Maintenance Capital Improvement External Risks Natural Disasters Man-made Cyber Threats

#### Emergency Response Plan



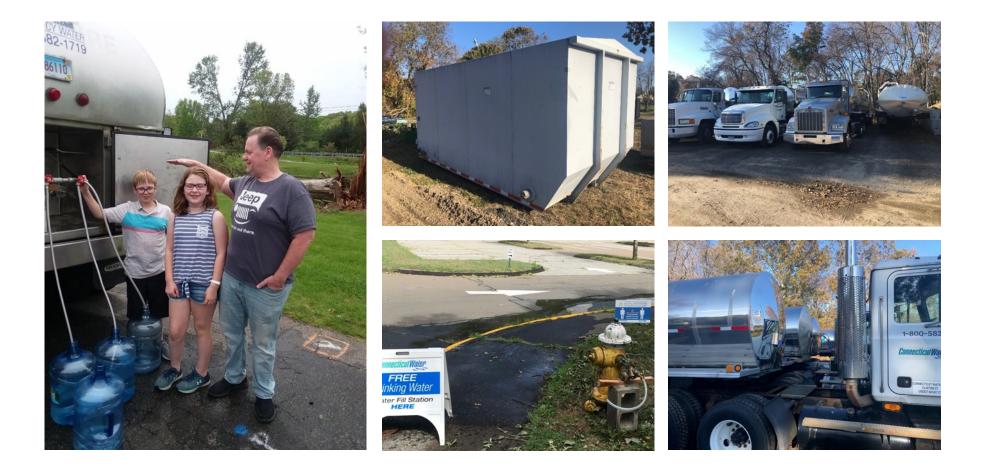
# Planning





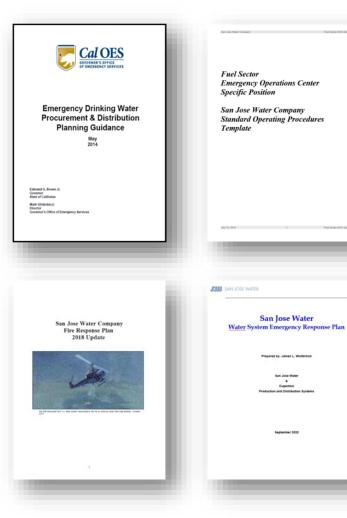
## Responsive Mitigation





## Planning











# **Responsive Mitigation**



- Asset Management
- Capital Improvement



### SJW Exercises - 2006 to Present

- Tabletop Exercise
- Functional Exercise
- Full Scale Exercise

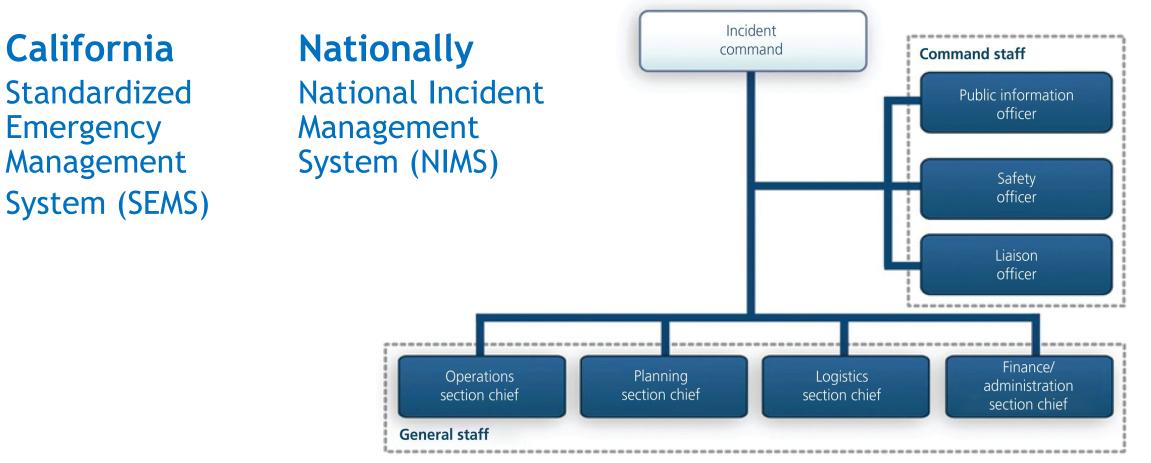








## Local vs National Approaches



# Partners in Planning and Response



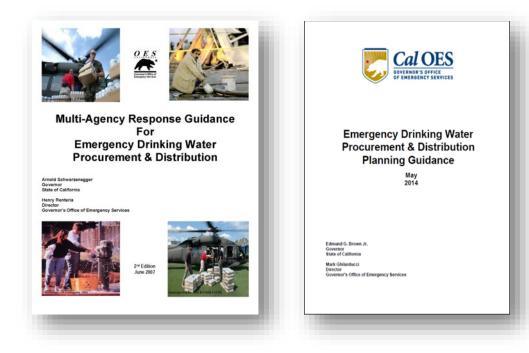
## Multi-Agency Emergency Drinking Water Guidance

#### Post-Earthquake

Collaboration of State, Local Agencies and Water Utilities

#### **Developed process**

Identify water need Identify process for requesting support Identify need for Points of Distribution Recognize the collaboration required



## What Can You Do?

- 1. Visit <u>www.ready.gov</u>
- 2. Prepare: respond vs react
- 3. Have a plan
  - Minimum 1 gallon per person per day, minimum 3 days
- 4. How to shut off water
- 5. How to purify water



# Shutting off Water

- 1. Find the shut-off valve for the main water line that enters your house and tag it for easy identification. Make sure everyone in your household knows where it is.
- 2. Shut the valve off completely. Your valve may be rusted open or it may not close all the way. If so, replace it.
- 3. After an earthquake or major freeze, water lines in and around your house could break. Be prepared to take action.



# Purifying Water

#### Boiling

• Bring to a rolling boil for 1 minute

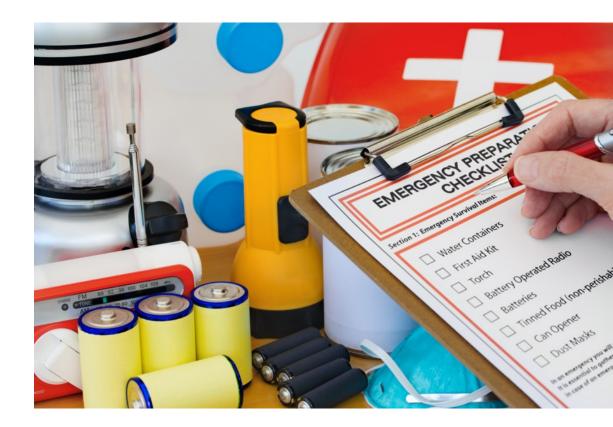
#### Chlorination

- Add 1/8 teaspoon bleach per gallon
- Stir and let stand for 30 minutes



# Basic Disaster Supply Kit

- Water for x days
- Food for 3 days
- Battery-powered radio
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Medications/glasses
- Important documents
- Fire extinguisher



## Update Your Contact Info!

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