

FOWD Continues to Enhance the Fair Oaks Village

The Fair Oaks Water District has been located and continuously operating in the Fair Oaks Village area for over 107 consecutive years.

- In April of 2010 FOWD staff moved into the new FOWD Administration and Customer Service Center located directly across the street from our old office in the Fair Oaks Village; FOWD field operations now occupy the old property. The FOWD administration building was designed to be constructed and operated in an environmentally sensitive manner resulting in LEED certification. The total cost of the administration building project, including property acquisition, was approximately \$3.7 million dollars. An accounting of the financial details of the completed project was provided at the July 2010 public meeting of the Board of Directors. FOWD did not increase rates or borrow money during the design and construction of the administration building project. FOWD owns all facilities and land without debt.

The Board of Directors and staff of the District are extremely proud of the administration building and what it added to the Fair Oaks Village at a time when no one was investing in the area. In addition, the FOWD volunteered to complete extra paving on Fair Oaks Boulevard as an additional enhancement to the Fair Oaks Village.

- Located in the Fair Oaks Village, the FOWD owns and operates one of the highest yielding groundwater production facilities in the Sacramento Region. This facility began operations in the Fair Oaks Village in May of 1939 and was the FOWD's first groundwater production facility.

In 2007, after receiving grant funding from the State of California, the FOWD invested \$2.0 million dollars improving this facility. Improvements included significant visual enhancements related to our location in the Fair Oaks Village.

- In 2010, during an economic downturn, the FOWD purchased the property located at 10340 Fair Oaks Boulevard in the Fair Oaks Village. It was purchased due to its location adjacent to our newly improved water production facility – for future beneficial use of the existing water infrastructure. The property was run down and vacant when the FOWD took ownership. Rather than raze the site and have a vacant lot for future use, the FOWD entered into an agreement for the Fair Oaks Historical Society to use the existing facility until the property is needed by the FOWD.

Locating the Fair Oaks Historical Society (FOHS) at this property, combined with the significant improvements FOHS have made at the property, have enhanced the Fair Oaks Village.

- The FOWD contributed labor and materials to the Fair Oaks Village “Triangle Enhancement Project”.
- The FOWD contributed labor and materials to the Fair Oaks Village “Save the Bluffs Project.”
- With over 45 years of continuous membership, the FOWD holds the record for longest Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce membership – actively participating in and supporting many events in the Fair Oaks Village.
- In 2024, the FOWD and FORPD reconciled an agreement for the FOWD to contribute over a quarter of a million dollars in labor and materials to the FORPD Fair Oaks Village Enhancement Project.