



**BIRTHDAY BASH**  
SATURDAY, AUG. 22, 10AM-2PM



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## FILL'ER UP! TAP INTO FREE RECYCLED WATER



Recycled water is no longer a concept for the future; it's here now, and residents are lining up to get their hands on it.

With California deep in the throes of drought, many have worried about state-mandated water restrictions and how they might affect their trees and lawns.

"We love our fruit trees and with no rain this winter and spring, we're seeing signs of distress," said Mary



*Small collapsible jugs are the right solution for this ISD recycled water customer.*

Clyde of Oakley. "Now we know we can count

on getting our water here and they're already doing a lot better."

The Clydes are among the many taking advantage of the free water that ISD has been giving out since June 20. The district received its permit to make the program possible in record time after the governor announced the water cuts.

Currently ISD's Residential Recycled Water Fill Station is giving out nearly 70,000 gallons each day that residents are using to water lawns, trees, gardens and flowers. Some are even using the water to clean their vehicles.

The free service is available to Oakley and Bethel Island residents,

with up to 300 gallons of water allowed per visit. New sign-ups are taken starting one hour after the station opens.

The fill station is currently open Monday and Wednesday from noon to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, see our website at [www.ISDP2.org](http://www.ISDP2.org). ■

### REACHING CONTAINMENT: WHICH WATER CONTAINER IS RIGHT FOR YOU?



**Grocery bottles**

Smallest permitted size is 1 gallon.

**Advantage:** Easy to carry, free with many purchased products.  
**Disadvantage:** May be too small if large quantities needed.



**Collapsible jug**

2.5 gallons, often used for camping.

**Advantage:** Spigot in cap, collapsible for easy storage.  
**Disadvantage:** May be too small if large quantities needed.



**Handy bucket**

5 gallons with lid.

**Advantage:** Handle for toting, sturdy plastic, inexpensive.  
**Disadvantage:** Filled weight may be inconvenient to carry, no spigot.



**Garbage tote**

15-35 gallons.

**Advantage:** Roomy, has handles and may have wheels.  
**Disadvantage:** Difficult to transport, loose-fitting lid, heavy, no spigot.



**Bulk drum**

40-55 gallons.

**Advantage:** Sturdy with small cap, big capacity saves trips.  
**Disadvantage:** Heavy, too large for smaller cars, may need modifications.

**Large tank (IBC tote)** 300 gallons maximum allowed.  
**Advantage:** Huge capacity saves on trips to refill.  
**Disadvantage:** Expensive, requires truck or trailer, too heavy to move.

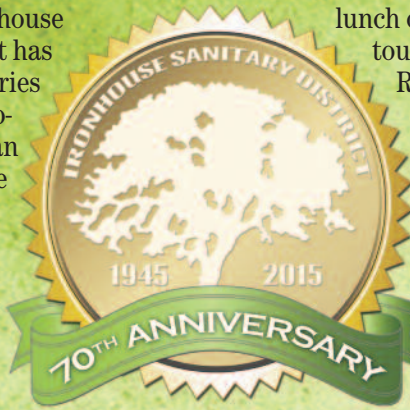


# 'IN THE BEGINNING, A GROUP OF STALWART MEN BANDED TOGETHER TO FORM WHAT WOULD BECOME THE IRONHOUSE SANITARY DISTRICT...'

## Sanitary district event invites community to celebrate 70 years of innovation and environmental stewardship

For 70 years Ironhouse Sanitary District has pushed the boundaries of innovation to promote a healthy, clean environment for the residents of Oakley and, later, Bethel Island.

On Aug. 22, the district will host a family-friendly event to both remember the past and look to the future. Members of both communities are invited to come out and have



lunch on the district, take a tour of the Water Recycling Facility, and get a look at the equipment the district uses to keep the environment clean today.

Children will have a chance to play in the Kidz Zone, while adults and families can enjoy live music. The event will feature a ceremony that concludes with the dedication of

a bronze plaque honoring the men and women responsible for building the strong, environmentally sound sanitary district you see today.

We've come a long way since 1945, when our district's founding fathers approached the county supervisors with a vision for better sanitation services for Oakley, which was then a rural township.

### BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Not a single one of Oakley's registered voters opposed the sanitary district's creation, a testament to the value residents placed on the health

and welfare of their community – something most of us today take for granted.

Three decades later, Bethel Island residents joined the district to take advantage of the improved services that were available.

Today, Ironhouse Sanitary District continues to evolve with its modern Water Recycling Facility and finding new uses for recycled water.

The theme of the 70th anniversary event presentations will focus on how far sanitary services have come and how the ongoing drought has changed attitudes toward recy-

clered water and its sustainability.

Keynote speaker will be Steven Moore of the California State Water Resources Control Board, who has extensive experience in water policy management. He was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2012 and previously served on the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board from 2008-12 under Govs. Brown and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Other notable speakers scheduled to appear at the event include 9th District U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-Livermore), and Oakley Mayor Doug Hardcastle. □

## AUG. 22 EVENT SCHEDULE

### 10:00 A.M. — EVENT OPEN TO PUBLIC

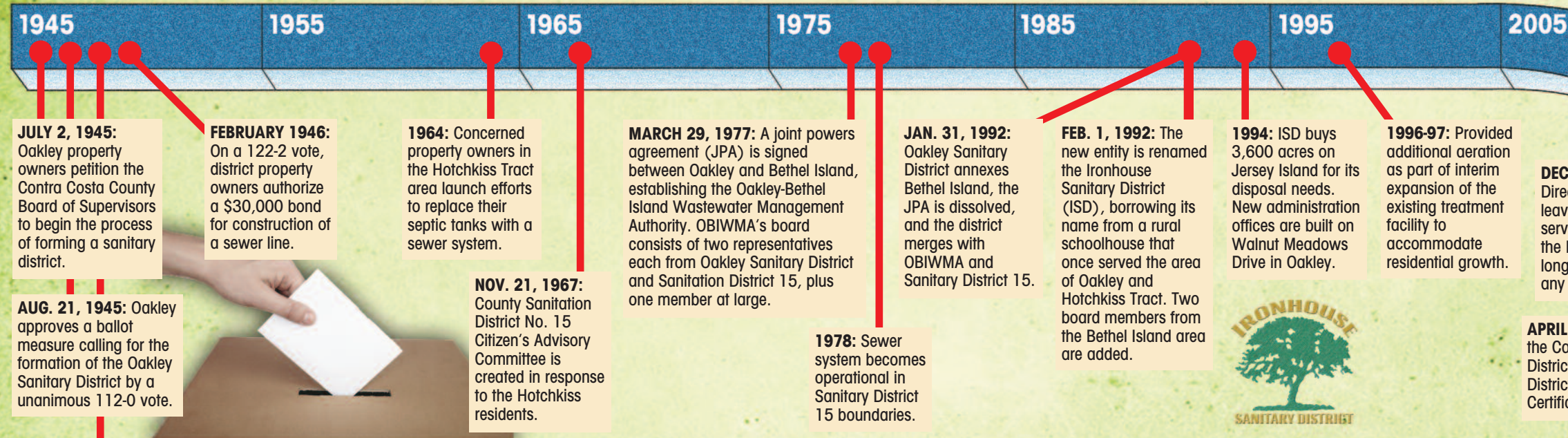
- Children's activities begin, continuing until 2 p.m.
- Water Recycling Facility hayride tours
- ISD equipment demonstrations begin
- Ironhouse Sanitary District history exhibit

### 10:45 A.M. — SPEAKERS

- Introduction and welcome — ISD General Manager Chad Davisson
- Dave Contreras ISD Board President
- Congressman Jerry McNerney
- Representative from Assemblyman Jim Frazier's office

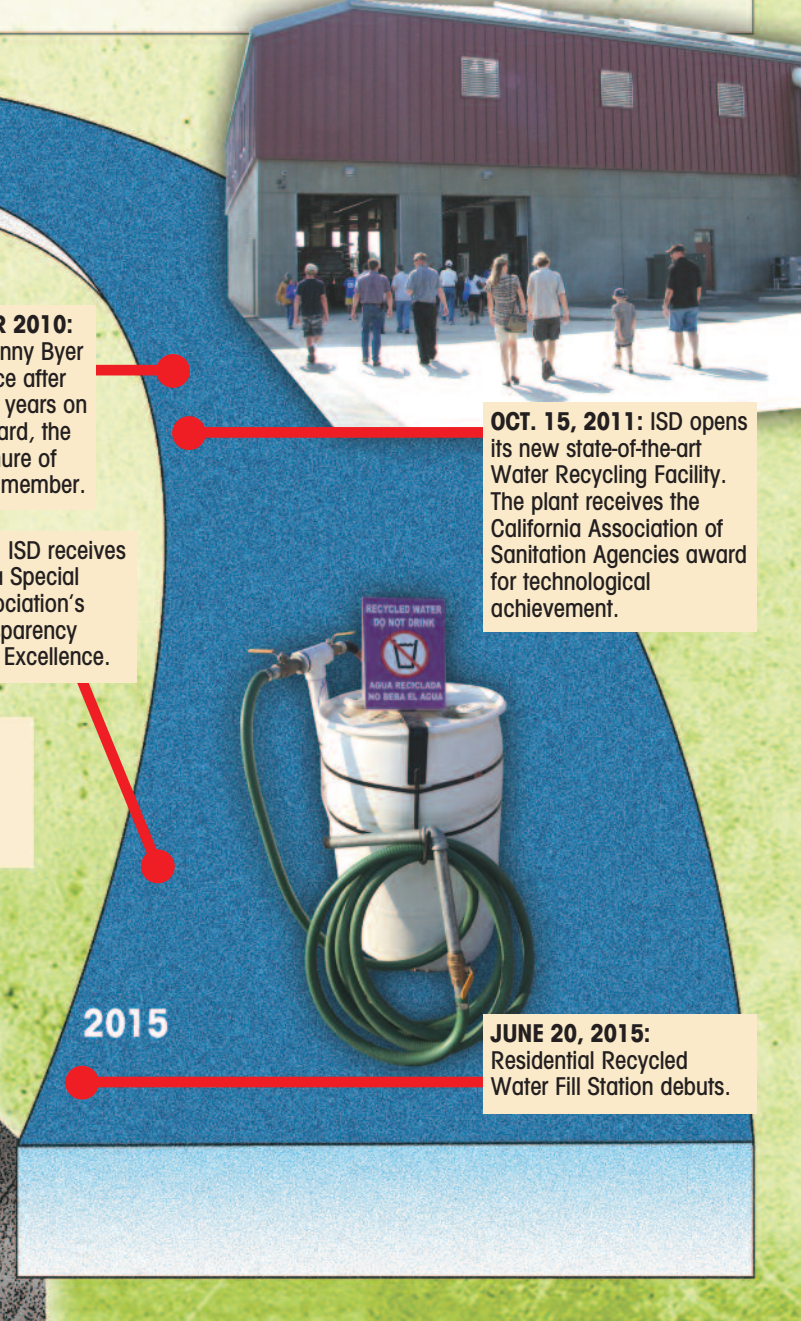
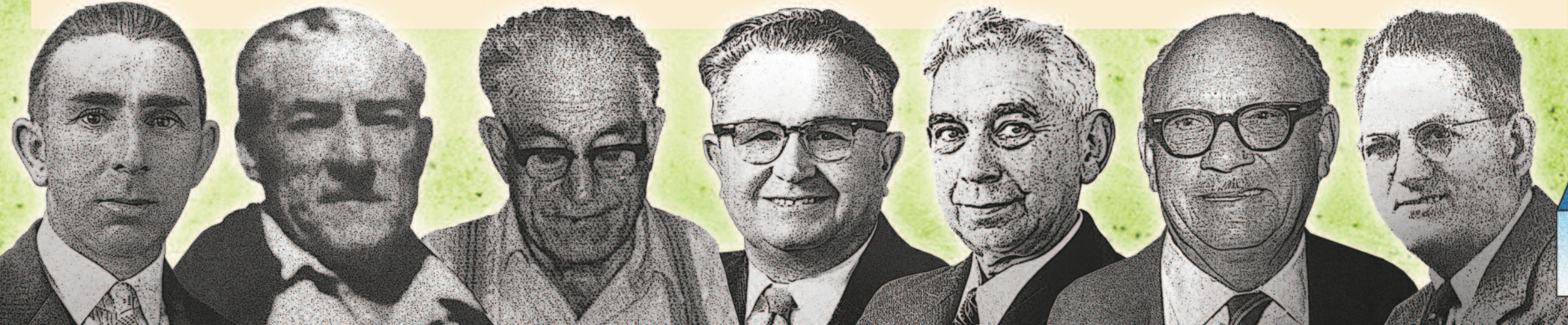
- Representative from Supervisor Mary Piepho's office
- Doug Hardcastle, Oakley Mayor
- Keynote Speaker, Steven Moore, State Water Resources Control Board
- Dedication of commemorative plaque

- 11:45 a.m. — Live music on stage
- 12:00 p.m. — Free lunch served until 1:30 p.m.
- 12:30 p.m. — Walking and hayride tours of Water Recycling Facility resume and continue until event end
- 2:00 p.m. — Event ends



## OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

**AUGUST 1945:** Seven men form the leadership of the new Oakley Sanitary District's first board of directors. Pictured from left to right are Sanitary Assessor Frank J. Silva, Director Hasten "Shorty" England, Director Tony Vengley, Director Jesse Mello, President Joseph Augusta, Director Anthony Dal Porto, and Secretary Frank Dal Porto.





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**IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Aug. 22:** ISD 70th Anniversary Celebration. See activity schedule inside this newsletter.
- **Sept. 1:** ISD Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. for regularly scheduled meeting.
- **Sept. 7:** District holiday. Offices closed.
- **Sept. 19:** Heart of Oakley Festival downtown.

**Check the district website for special dates**



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## Meet Chad – ISD’s new general manager reaches out to the community

Ironhouse Sanitary District is pleased to welcome new General Manager Chad Davisson, who came aboard July 13. Davisson comes to ISD with over 25 years of experience in the wastewater industry, most recently with the city of Richmond as the general manager of the Richmond Municipal Sewer District.

as the district’s recycled water fill stations for residents and commercial water trucks.”

During Davisson’s brief time at the helm, the recycling station has already distributed close to 1 million gallons of high quality recycled water to the community.

### CONTINUING HIS EDUCATION

Davisson holds a Grade V Wastewater License from the State Water Resources Control Board. He is also continuing his education and is currently attending Saint Mary’s College to earn his MBA, which he plans to complete in January. Davisson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University.

Currently a Benicia resident, Davisson and his wife of 27 years have two children as well as two grandsons. □



### WATER REUSE A PRIORITY

Davisson, who sees water conservation and reuse as among his top priorities, has quickly become immersed in ISD’s new Residential Recycled Water Fill Station, helping oversee the project’s expansion to better serve the public.

“I’m looking forward to continuing the great work Ironhouse Sanitary District has been doing,” Davisson said. “This includes helping the region meet our water sustainability needs through the production of high quality recycled water and overseeing innovative programs such



### THE BOARD

- David Contreras**/President
- Doug Scheer**/Vice President
- Chris Lauritzen**/Director
- Susan Morgan**/Director
- Michael Painter**/Director

### ISD board meetings

Public meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

### IRONHOUSE SANITARY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

- Chad Davisson**/General Manager
- Sue Walde**/District Secretary
- Jenny Skrel**/District Engineer
- Dave Smith**/Maintenance Superintendent
- Chris Christean**/Plant Manager
- David Dal Porto**/Ranches & Levees

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