

Lifelines and Utilities – LADWP Water

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Impacts – Water Systems

- 1994 Earthquake impacted numerous water systems in the San Fernando, Santa Clarita and Simi Valleys
 - Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
 - Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
 - Valencia, Newhall, Castaic Lake Water District
 - San Fernando
 - Calleguas Municipal Water District
 - and more
- Greatest impacts to LA Water System
- Presentation will focus on LADWP water system



LADWP Water System Overview

Largest Municipal Utility in USA Founded 1902

- Serves 4.1-million people (3.8M in 1994)
- 712,000 water service connections Los Angeles Aqueduct
- 1214-square kilometer service area
- Receives water from:
 - 4 aqueducts
 - Local wells
- LADWP owns and operates the water and power systems San Diego

California Aqueduct





Colorado River Aqueduct

River

Impacts LADWP Water System



- 14 repairs to raw water pipes
- 60 repairs transmission pipes
- 1013 repairs distribution pipes
 - 200 service connection repairs
- 7 damaged reservoirs
- 1/2 treatment plant out of service
- Lost power up to 27 hrs
- Pump and chlorine stations were undamaged

Impacts – LADWP Water System

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Granada Trunk





First Los Angeles Aqueduct

Angeles

Second Los / Aqueduct







Impacts – LADWP Water System



Fernando





LA Reservoir Tower Bridge



Water Services

Service restoration will be presented in the following categories:

Service Category	Description
Water Delivery	Able to distribute water to customers, but the water delivered may not meet water quality standards (requires water purification notice), pre-disaster volumes (requires water rationing), fire flow requirements (impacting fire fighting capabilities), or pre-disaster functionality (inhibiting system operations).
Quality	Water to customers meets health standards (water purification notices removed). This includes minimum pressure requirements.
Quantity	Water flow to customers meets pre-disaster volumes (water rationing removed).
Fire Protection	Able to provide pressure and flow of suitable magnitude and duration to fight fires. In many water distribution systems the minimum pressure required for fire protection is 20 psi (140 kPa), with flow quantities varying by neighborhood.
Functionality	System restored to meet or exceed pre-disaster functionality and reliability (operational constraints resulting from the disaster have been removed/ resolved) including pressures.
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1994 NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE L.A. WATER RESTORATIONS







1994 L.A. QUALITY RESTORATION



Improvements

Pipe relocations (out of hazard zones)

- Granada Trunk Line
- SLAA at Terminal Hill
- Pipe Design Improvements
 - Fiber wrap



- Base Isolation systems protecting against ground movement
- Tank Flexible connections







Improvements

- Dam Stability Re-Evaluations
 - Use improved geo- and seismo-technology
- System evaluation and Restoration Modeling
 - Worked closely with Researchers
 - GIRAFFE (Cornell Univ. LADWP collaboration)
- Increased Seismic Instrumentation
- ShakeCast, CISN Display







Pilot Project -Main Replacement Earthquake Resistant Ductile Iron Pipe

- Contour Drive
- LADWP replaced 1750' of 6" line
- Installation completed April 2013
- 4 more pilot project sites
- Positive results so far



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ShakeOut Scenario

Regional M7.8 Earthquake Scenario on San Andreas Fault



Davis & O' Rourke, 2011, "ShakeOut Scenario: Water System Impacts from a Mw7.8 San Andreas Earthquake," EQS, 27:2, pp 459-476

<u>Water Supply Results</u>

- Aqueduct flow restoration > 18 mo.
- Insufficient supply
- Severe rationing
- Firefighting impacts
- Some w/o water for 6 months or more
- Greatest economic impact of all
 - >50% total BI
 - >25% total losses
 - >2/3 fire + water



Next Steps

- Systems Evaluations
 - Supply, transmission, distribution systems
 - Identify & improve vulnerabilities
- Develop resilient distribution network
 - Use earthquake resistant pipes and designs
 - Allow for acceptable losses
- Incorporate lessons learned from recent disasters
 - Great East Japan
 - Christchurch New Zealand



Next Steps – Water Supply

- Improve local water supplies
 - Ground water (clean up contaminations)
 - Storm water capture
 - Reclamation
- Work with LAFD to improve postearthquake fire water supply
- Work with LA EOC to improve postearthquake water accessibility
- HDPE Elizabeth tunnel



Next Steps – Water Supply Elizabeth tunnel Seismic Enhancement etal Intensity **I II. III IV V. VI VII** Atial Shaking Not Felt Weak Light Moderate Strong Yery Strong **California** Aqueduct None Very Light Light Moderate Moder Los Angeles Aqueduct (LAA) San Joaquin Valley HDPE Pipe Elizabeth Tunnel Lake Hughes 1127 EB LOS ANGELES AQUEDUCT Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) San Bernardino San Gorgonio Pass airmont Reservoir (north portal) **CRA fault crossing** Epicenter Elizabeth Tunnel Salton Sea San Andreas Fault **Elizabeth Tunnel** SOD Brook





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Next Steps and Recommendations for Water Supply Systems

- Southern California Water Supply is too critical to fail, aqueduct water losses for minimum 12 to 18 months is too long!
 - A Water Supply Task Committee (WSTC) needs to be formed by the supply agencies (LADWP, MWD, DWR)
 - The WSTC should coordinate their efforts for
 identifying water supply vulnerabilities,
 how to mitigate, and
 planning for emergency response and recovery



Recommendations

- Improve assessment of regional economic impacts from water system disruption
- Improve post-earthquake water system restoration modeling
- Develop water system restoration goals
- Maps identifying potential ground displacements need to be prepared and available for all to use
 - Ground Failure causes the greatest lifeline disruption to all lifeline pipes and cables
- Develop uses for Earthquake Early Warning



Recommendations

- California Department of Public Health change "Boil Water Notice"
 - We should not be encouraging the community to light fires in a disaster situation
 - The "Boil Water Notice" actually makes many recommendations for purification than boiling water
 - The LADWP has initiated this process by implementing a "Tap Water Purification Notice"

