

A History of our Rainfall

Rainfall at Lake Lagunitas is unpredictable, with annual figures ranging from 18-112 inches. The rainfall year runs from July 1 to June 30. MMWD customers have endured 3 droughts this century: 1929-34, 1976-77, 1987-92.

MMWD Highlights

1872: Lagunitas Dam built	1905: Phoenix Dam built	1906: San Francisco quake & fire	1912: MMWD founded in San Rafael by voters	1916: MMWD's first bond issue	1918: Alpine Dam built	1924: Alpine Dam enlarged	1923: 40,000 acre fire from Novato to Alpine Dam	1929: 3,000 acres Blithdale Canyon fire	1941: Alpine Dam enlarge again	1945: 20,000 acre Old Sawmill fire	1948: Bon Tempe Dam built	1953: Kent Dam built	1960: Nicasio Dam built	1962: MMWD headquarters moved to Corte Madera	1976: First began importing Russian River water	1979: Soulajule Dam built	1982: Kent Lake capacity doubled	1992: Bond measure passed to improved water supply reliability	1996: Fireflow program approved
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