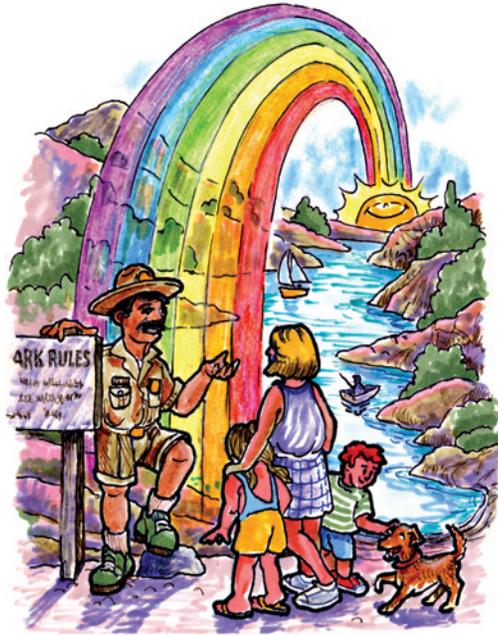
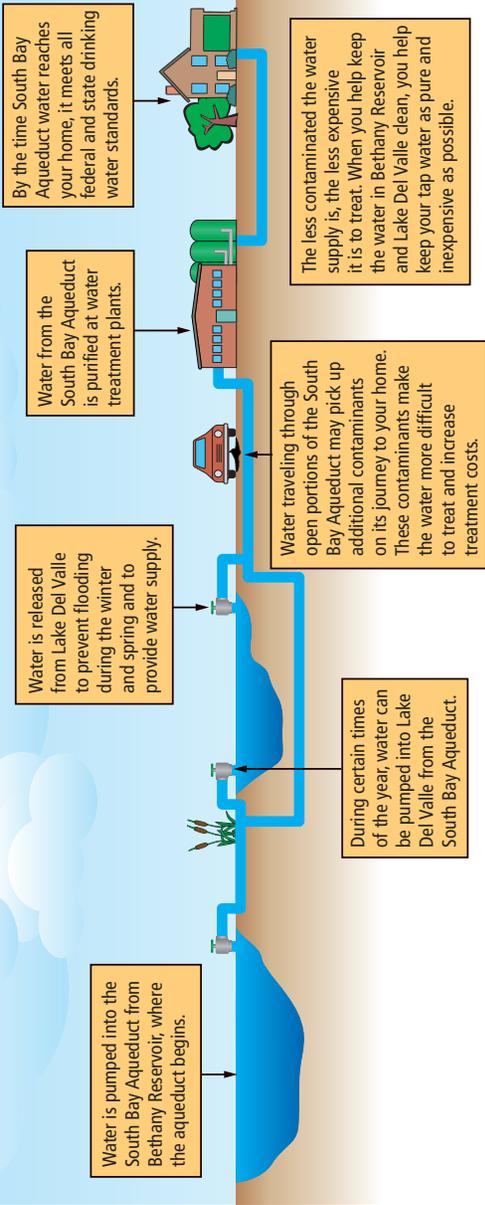


The South Bay Aqueduct

The South Bay Aqueduct transports water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to Zone 7 Water Agency, Alameda County Water District, and Santa Clara Valley Water District. Along the way, the water passes through Bethany Reservoir, and in some cases, Lake Del Valle as well. Both Bethany Reservoir and Lake Del Valle also collect rainwater from surrounding areas.



By doing your part to protect the water in Bethany Reservoir and Lake Del Valle, you help to ensure high quality, low-cost drinking water for you and future generations.



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The Water You Swim in Today...



May be Your Drinking Water Next Week.

Treat it With Respect!

Did you know that the water in Bethany Reservoir and Lake Del Valle travels through the South Bay Aqueduct and may eventually flow from the taps in your home? If you live in the Tri-Valley area, southern Alameda County, or Santa Clara County, the water you swim in today may be your drinking water next week!

It's easy to help keep your water supply pure. Here are a few simple things you can do to protect your drinking water here at its source.



Prevent erosion by staying on trails.
Erosion contributes sediment to reservoirs, which makes the water cloudy, more difficult to treat, and raises treatment costs.



Replace lead fishing weights with non-lead alternatives.
Lead weights can poison fish and wildlife and contaminate the drinking water supply.

Help prevent fires, which increase runoff and erosion. Have campfires and barbecues in designated areas only.



Pack out your fishing line.
Tangled fishing line can trap birds and other wildlife.



Keep diapers (and children wearing them) out of the lake.
Dirty diapers and drinking water don't mix!

Do not feed wild animals. Encouraging wildlife to gather near the lake can contribute to bacteria in the water supply.



Keep boats well-maintained.
Leaking fuel can contaminate the water.



Clean up after your horses and pets.
Disposing of their waste properly helps to keep bacteria out of the water.



Dispose of trash properly. Litter can introduce a variety of pollutants to the water.



When swimming, take restroom breaks.
That means getting out of the water and walking to the restroom. Need we say more?