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WATER**



# Fruitridge Vista

When small, distressed water systems face mounting challenges, partnering with a regulated water utility can offer a lifeline—bringing economies of scale, deep technical expertise, and the resources needed to deliver safe, reliable water service.

## Decades of challenges

For years, the Fruitridge Vista Water Company in Sacramento County faced mounting challenges that threatened reliable water service for thousands of customers. The system relied on infrastructure built in the 1950s—aging 4- and 6-inch steel pipes located in customers' backyards. By 2020, the system had an extensive history of leaks, averaging 70 repairs per year, and struggled with water supply reliability and regulatory compliance due to contamination of local water resources.

These issues created frequent service disruptions, limited fire protection, and growing frustration among residents. The community needed a sustainable solution—one that could deliver safe, reliable water service while addressing decades of deferred maintenance.

Recognizing the urgent need for modernization, Fruitridge Vista sought a partner with the resources and expertise to overhaul its aging system. The solution came through a partnership with California American Water, a regulated water utility bringing financial strength, operational experience and a commitment to long-term reliability.

## A new chapter for a troubled system

Since acquiring Fruitridge Vista in 2020, California American Water has committed more than \$67 million to transform the system through its main improvement initiative and other infrastructure programs.

### Key improvements include:

- **Main Replacement:** Installed 86,000 linear feet of new 8-inch water main by the end of 2024, with 25,000 additional feet planned by the end of 2026.
- **Fire Protection:** Added fire hydrants in neighborhoods where they were previously lacking, improving public safety.
- **Customer Benefits:** Relocated mains from backyards to public rights-of-way, reducing service calls and eliminating disruptions for homeowners.



## Community Benefits for Fruitridge Vista

- Reliable water service with fewer leaks and disruptions
- Modern infrastructure replacing water mains dating back to 1950
- Improved fire protection with new hydrants and larger mains