

LARC Stream

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LARC water flows in more areas in Calauan and Bay



LARC contractors busy themselves with the installation of water transmission and distribution lines at Porform, Dayap, Calauan, Laguna on July 20, 2017.

LARC continues to improve its water supply to its service coverage area by installing new water transmission and distribution lines to parts of Calauan and Bay, Laguna that need piped water supply.

On June 1, 2017, LARC began its transmission line project at Sampalokan, Masaya, Bay to be able to supply safe, clean and reliable water to around three hundred (300) households of Sampalokan that do not have access to piped water. The said project was completed on September 6, 2017.

Meanwhile, the distribution line project at Porform, Dayap, Calauan was also started last June 1, 2017. The project was completed on August 29, 2017 and is currently supplying water to clusters of households in the area. Around two hundred (200) households are expected to benefit from the said project. Succinctly, LARC is determined to supply safe,

and reliable water to all parts of its service coverage area to reduce people's reliance on open sources of water that are often contaminated and could put precious lives at risk.

LARC upgrades service for Batong Malake and Bay concessionaires

Projects on water facilities were completed during the third quarter of the year by the Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) at Bay Garden Homes, Vega Pump Station and Jubileeville Pump Station to improve water supply in the areas.

On July 25, 2017, LARC installed valves in the water tank of Bay Garden Homes, Sto. Domingo, Bay to prevent wastage and manage water supply in the area. According to Engr. John Patrick Robles, LARC Water Supply Operations Manager, the installation of valves will aid in optimizing water supply in the area since the valves will serve as control to prevent water overflow from the tank and increase the water supply capacity during peak demand.

LARC also invested two new generator sets with 115 kilovolt-ampere capacity for Vega Pump Station located at Batong Malake, Los Baños and Jubileeville Pump Station located at Masaya, Bay last August 9, 2017. According to Engr. Robles, the old generator sets of both pump stations needed replacement as they cannot supply enough power to operate the upgraded submersible motors and controls installed in the pump stations. He explained that with the new generator sets, both pump stations can operate at its maximum capacity and supply water to concessionaires during power interruptions. Moreover, Bayog and Tranca Pump Stations will soon have their own generator sets to facilitate water supply in the areas even during power interruptions.

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Straight from GM



On sustaining excellence

I am humbled to assume my new position as the General Manager of Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC). Although our company has been in operation for nearly two years now, I am quite familiar with the overall operations of a water utility agency. I am very fortunate to hone my skills and learn about the water utility industry from one of the best Water Districts in our country. Prior to LARC, I have been working at Laguna Water District (LWD) for over 25 years occupying several positions under the Engineering Department. I also had the opportunity to work as LARC's Operations Manager for more than a year before assuming the position of General Manager. These experiences and the credible team behind LARC gave me the confidence to accept the position offered to me.

Further, I look forward to building on the hard work that our outgoing General Manager Mat Wilson B. Ramos has established during his term that led to high-performing teams. You can get to know more about Pres. Ramos' insights regarding LARC, in the President's Corner on page 3.

I am pleased to share that LARC has completed several improvement projects in our service coverage areas to increase water supply and production for this quarter. Details about the improvements are on the first page.

Also included in this issue are news about our latest community relations activities such as Bañamos (page 3), Pista ng Kapaligiran (page 4) and Syensaya (page 4). Our involvement in these activities brings us closer to the communities we serve. Hence, we are able to address direct feedbacks and concerns from our concessionaires.

You can also read about the water meters that LARC donated to the Water Consortium of BayanniJuan-Southville 7 that will assist in their livelihood project on this page.

We welcome your help to improve the coverage of our newsletter. If you have other stories in mind that you want us to feature, you may send us your suggestions by visiting our website www.larc.com.ph, emailing us at larc.main@larc.com.ph or messaging us at our Facebook Page: Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation-LARC.

Metro ng tubig ipinagkaloob sa Calauan Water Consortium



Paggawad ng mga metro ng tubig kay G. Jaime M. Sapitan (gitna), pangulo ng Water Consortium Livelihood Association Inc., sa opisina ng LARC noong ika-2 ng Oktubre 2017.

Noong nakaraang Oktubre 2, 2017, nagkaloob ang LARC ng mga bagong metro ng tubig sa S7 Water Consortium Livelihood Association Inc. ng BayanniJuan-Southville 7, Calauan, Laguna. Ito ay upang mapalitan ang mga lumang metro na ginagamit ng nasabing asosasyon para sa kanilang communal water system project. Ang proyektong ito ang ginagamit ng Water Consortium, katuwang ang lima pang asosasyon ng kabahayan doon, para makapag suplay ng tubig sa kanilang mga residente.



Mga tubero ng LARC abalang ikinakabit ang metro na ipinagkaloob sa BayanniJuan-Southville 7, Calauan, Laguna noong ika-16 ng Oktubre 2017.

Malaking tulong ang nasabing proyekto sa mga taga-Southville 7 dahil bukod sa pagkakaroon ng malinis na suplay ng tubig, ang proyekto ay nagdudulot din ng karagdagang pagkakakitaan para sa mga kasapi ng asosasyon.

Ayon kay G. Jaime O. Sapitan, pangulo ng Water Consortium, "ang aming water meter ay luma na at hindi na rin [po namin] mabasa ang water [meter] reading sa bawat istasyon na aming pinamamahalaan." Dahil dito minarapat ng LARC na magkaloob ng anim na metro ng tubig upang makatulong sa asosasyon at sa kaayusan ng kanilang pagtatala ng mga konsumo sa tubig.

LARC and LWD support Los Baños in the celebration of Bañamos Festival



LARC and LWD employees actively join the Bañamos Festival parade on September 15, 2015.

LARC Finance Manager Mr. Arnold Tolentino receives LARC's first Top Taxpayer Award at General Paciano Rizal park on September 15, 2017.

During the Bañamos Festival held on September 11-15, 2017, Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC), together with Laguna Water District (LWD), took part in promoting tourism and celebrating the 402nd founding anniversary of Los Baños, Laguna. LARC and LWD joined the parade last September 15, 2017 that was attended by various government and non-government agencies, institutions, and companies of the town.

LARC and LWD also installed a water shower as part of the annual celebration to commemorate the 2015 Bañamos World Record Shower Fest. LARC bottled water were also distributed during the Bailamos and Himigsikan.

In addition, LARC received its first Top Taxpayer Award given by the Los Baños Municipality during a short program after the 2017 Bañamos Festival parade.

Ranking fifth among the Top Ten Business Taxpayers, the company received a plaque of recognition for its significant contribution in local development programs through its growth in income and business taxes.

Brgy. Maravilla celebrates LARC Wellness Day

Another Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Activity was conducted by the Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) last August 1, 2017. Under LARC's Alalay sa Barangay Program, residents of Brgy. Maravilla, Nagcarlan enjoyed a free Wellness Day that included various activities such as an hour of Zumba exercise, proper handwashing activity for children, medical check-up, and nutritional counseling.

Barangay officials of Maravilla, headed by Barangay Chairwoman Luzviminda Ido, municipal nurses and health workers from the Nagcarlan Rural Health Unit were also present to show their support and assist during the activity. Also present were volunteer Nutritional Counselor Aywin Castro and medical doctors Dr. Coleen Faye dela Cruz and Dr. Melissa Banasihan. Around 150 residents benefitted from the activity.



Dr. dela Cruz and Dr. Banasihan interview their patients during the medical check up at Brgy. Maravilla, Nagcarlan on August 1, 2017.



Residents of Brgy. Maravilla, Nagcarlan participate in the zumba session during the Wellness Day.

From the President's Desk



Focusing on water quality and security for the community

I am honored to take the role of President of the Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) after serving as the company's General Manager for almost a year. With this new responsibility entrusted to me, I welcome the challenge.

One of our major responsibilities as operator, contractor and agent of Laguna Water District, is to ensure water security and safety. A big challenge that comes with this is how LARC can provide access to sufficient good-quality water to all our concessionaires at all times while protecting and managing our finite water resources. While we have ample water resources today, LARC practices sustainable solutions to protect our natural resources, minimize wastage, and ensure that we have enough water not just for the immediate future but for the next generations to come.

However, ensuring water security is not just about having sufficient water supply but also providing access to clean, safe and reliable water. As mandated by DOH in 2014, LARC developed and implemented a water safety plan which requires a series of monitoring schemes to assess and manage the risks of the water supply chain - from sources to service lines. The process includes disinfection through injection of Chlorine Dioxide and microbiological analysis to prevent and control possible water contamination. Concessionaires can rest assured that the water we supply is regularly tested and monitored to ensure that LARC water meets the Philippine National Standards for Drinking Water set by the Department of Health.

In addition, water facilities are currently undergoing upgrades and retrofitting to enhance treatment capacities in the face of rising turbidity levels in the raw water sources. Advanced treatment technologies to effectively harness water sources and improve water quality are also constantly being studied.

Meeting these challenges on water security in Los Baños, Bay, Calauan, and Victoria is a task that LARC is ready to handle. As LARC's new president, my focus is to continue these improvement towards a more safe and secured water for our concessionaires. We aim to go beyond these efforts to provide you with the highest levels of service. To balance the continued business viability and the welfare of water consumers, is a promise which we aim to meet.

LARC and LWD promote science and technology development through Syensaya 2017



LWD employee facilitates the mini quiz contest participated by the students during the Syensaya 2017 at the Copeland Gym, UP Los Baños on August 2, 2017.



LARC and LWD showcase their ongoing project entitled Dalayday, a campaign towards responsible water resource management.



Engr. Fatima Jean R. Alvarez, LARC Production Supervisor, serves as one of the guest speakers at the Syensaya 2017 Techno Forum on August 3, 2017.

As members of the Los Baños Science Community Foundation, Inc. (LBSCFI), Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC), together with Laguna Water District (LWD), took part in celebrating this year's Syensaya last August 2017 by joining the Wonderama exhibit and actively participating in the Technology Forum on Water Security in Los Baños.

The Wonderama exhibit held at Copeland Gym at UP Los Baños was opened to the public from August 2-4, 2017. LARC and LWD showcased their water service and CSR activities related to proper water management under their Dalayday project. They also held a mini quiz contest in the area with free giveaways to students who correctly answered water-related trivia. The exhibit was attended by students from the Calabarzon area.

The technology forum held at Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development in Los Baños was held on August 3, 2017 with the theme, "Makakalikasang talakayan tungo sa sustenableng supply ng tubig sa Los Baños." During the forum, Engr. Fatima Jean R. Alvarez, LARC Production Supervisor, discussed the current water supply and distribution in LARC's service area and the various factors that could affect the water supply.

Syensaya is an annual Los Baños Science Festival featuring events related to science and technology within the Los Baños community. The week-long event is headed by the LBSCFI in time for Regional Science and Technology Week (RSTW) of the Department of Science and Technology Region- IV with the theme "Science for the People: S&T in Harmony with Biodiversity."

Mga kabataan lumahok sa Pista ng Kapitaligiran

Upang maitaas ang kamalayan ng mga kabataan ng Los Baños tungkol sa kahalagahan ng pangangalaga ng kalikasan, nakipagsanib pwersa ang Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) sa Munisipalidad ng Los Baños at Kagawaran ng Edukasyon-Los Baños (DepEd Los Baños) para sa ilang patimpalak na may kinalaman sa pangangalaga ng kalikasan. Ito ay alinsabay sa selebrasyon ng ika-14th Pista ng Kapitaligiran noong Setyembre 2, 2017 at sinalihan ng mga pampublikong mag-aaral ng Los Baños.

Ang mga nagwagi para sa On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest ay naglarawan ng iba't-ibang tema tungkol sa ating kapitaligiran gamit ang oil pastel. Si Jasmine G. Platino ng Mababang Paaralan ng Paciano Rizal ang itinanghal na kampanyon para sa temang "Maayos na pamamahala ng basura sa tahanan ay mahalaga sa kalusugan ng pamilya" (Dibisyon para sa Baitang 1-6). Si Janrian Par ng Mayondon National High School naman ang nanalo sa Dibisyon para sa Baitang 7-10, na nagpakita ng temang "Tungkulin ng bawat mamamayan ang maayos at malinis na kapitaligiran." Para sa Dibisyon ng Baitang 11-12 na may temang "Ang Malinis na Kapitaligiran, Kaunlaran ng Bayan," ang nagkamit ng unang gantimpala ay si Marlon Garcia ng Bambang Senior High School.

Nagpatimpalak din ang LARC, Munisipalidad ng Los Baños, at Los Baños DepEd sa paggawa ng pamaskong dekorasyon gamit ang mga recyclable materials na matatagpuan sa mga kabahayan. Ito ay upang maipamalas na maari pa ring magamit ang mga basura na kadalasang itinatapon na lamang. Ang mga paaralang nanalo sa paligsahan ay ang Mababang Paaralan ng Lalakay, Mayondon National High School, at Baitang 12 Lalakay Senior High School.

Ang mga nanalo naman para sa pinakamalinis na paaralan sa Los Baños ay ang Los Baños Central Elementary School (unang gantimpala), Tuntungin-Putho Elementary School (pangalawang gantimpala), at Lalakay Elementary and Senior High School (pangatlong gantimpala).

Ang mga patimpalak ay isinagawa ilang linggo bago sumapit ang nasabing pista. Samantalang ang mga nanalo sa paligsahan ay inihayag noong selebrasyon ng Pista ng Kapitaligiran kung saan tinanggap ng mga nagwagi ang kanilang mga papremyo.



LARC General Manager Emil Q. Puerto habang nagbabahagi ng kanyang mensahe para sa Ika-14 Pista ng Kapitaligiran na idinaos noong ika-2 ng Setyembre 2017.



Ilang guro at mag-aaral matiyagang sinusuri ang mga obra ng mga kalahok sa On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest sa Munisipyo ng Los Baños, Laguna noong ika-1 ng Setyembre.

We, at **LARC Stream** appreciate your comments and feedbacks. Please let us know what you think about this issue, e-mail us at larc.main@larc.com.ph.

