

LARC Stream

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LARC extends coverage in LB, Bay and Calauan



Pipelaying Project. LARC employees conduct final inspection of hydrant at Lalakay, Los Baños to check water pressure after the project completion on February 2019.

Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) completed its pipelaying projects for the first quarter to allow water to reach more households in Los Baños, Bay and Calauan.

Pipelaying activities were carried out as early as November 2018 in Limao and Phase 1 and 2 of Belleparc Subdivision in Calauan, South Celebrity Village in Bay, and Lalakay in Los Baños.

It is expected that approximately 700 residents will apply for water connection from these areas.

LARC urges market-goers to be eco-friendly

In an effort to promote the minimal use of waste materials and in line with the Presidential Proclamation No. 760 declaring January as Zero Waste Month, Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) conducted activities in which market-goers received reusable and environmental-friendly bags in different public markets around its service areas in Bay, Calauan and Los Baños last January 29 - 31, 2019.

Under a zero-waste approach, recyclables are reused and recycled to eliminate the volume and toxicity of waste and other materials that contribute to pollution and degradation of our resources.

LARC believes that by reducing our waste, we can minimize its negative impact to the environment, including our water resources.



Refuse plastic bag usage. Market-goers at Bay Public Market fall in line to get LARC's free reusable eco bag last January 31, 2019.

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Driving progress through continuous developments

LARC started this year with much optimism as it geared for further developments, progress, and expansion of service areas to serve you better. We have worked hard to gain the confidence and trust of our customers and all our stakeholders by continuously improving our service level and maintaining our enthusiasm to achieve the highest standards in every aspect of our business.

For this first quarter of 2019, we continue to build a progressive constructive engagement with clients, the government and local communities through our corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities such as medical and dental mission in six barangays, donation of cleaning and drinking facilities at Makiling Center for Mountain Ecosystems and Los Baños National High School, respectively and celebration of World Water Day 2019. We also made sure that we remain committed to our responsibility in using sustainable water solutions at all times with respect to our natural environment.

More recently, we added a new payment center to cater your needs in terms of accessibility in paying your water bill. The operation of Maahas tank also commended to increase pressure and availability of water supply in certain areas. LARC is also set to build another one million-liter reservoir at Puypuy, Bay next year to reach more areas to supply safe and reliable water through a reliable distribution system.

Despite the challenges, the LARC team rallies to work harder and persevere to ensure that we elevate and improve our service and supply from previous years. I also extend my deep appreciation to our customers, shareholders, and partners for their continued support and trust. We will strive more to push through our venture and achieve our goals for the betterment of our community.

Pagpapabuti ng suplay, naramdaman na sa ilang lugar sa Bay

Enero ng taong kasalukuyan sinimulang gamitin ng Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) ang itinayong water reservoir na nakalagak sa Maahas, Los Baños Laguna. Ang Maahas reservoir ang pinakabagong ipinagawang pasilidad ng LARC na nagsisilbing isa sa pitong imbakan ng tubig sa kaniilang nasasakupang lugar. Ang Maahas reservoir ang nagsisilbing karagdagan suporta upang makapagsuplay ng sapat na tubig sa ilang lugar sa Bay tulad ng Sto. Domingo, Calo at Maitim na mahina ang suplay.

Upang mabatid ang epekto sa suplay ng nasabing pasilidad sa Maahas at Bay, ang LARC ay nagikot at kumalap ng mga reaksyon sa ilang mga residente :



Jinkie Jimenez
40 na taon sa Maahas, Los Baños

"Hindi naman humina ang suplay sa amin mula noong mag-operate ang Maahas tank. Tulay-tulay at malakas pa rin ang dalay ng tubig. Malinis din ang kalidad ng tubig mula sa aming gripo. Humihina lang ng kaunti ang water pressure kapag Sabado't Linggo pero nakakapaglabana pa rin kami."



Jeanette Villa
46 na taon sa Maahas, Los Baños

"Okay naman ang dalay ng tubig. Bago itinayo ang tanke ng Maahas hanggang ngayon, parehas pa rin ang suplay ng tubig. Malakas ang pressure maliban kapag Sabado na marami ang gumagamit."

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LARC rallies local communities to celebrate World Water Day 2019

To celebrate World Water Day (WED) 2019, an annual event celebrated on March 22 organized by the United Nations, the Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) conducted various activities under its corporate social responsibility program – Dalayday. LARC tapped residents in their service area for the activities to be able to intensify people's awareness on the importance of water.

Coastal clean-up with Barangay Baybayin

LARC took part in the weekly coastal clean-up activity of the Laguna Lake last March 2, 2019 at Brgy. Baybayin, Los Banos.



True to the company's commitment to

preserve the environment, LARC employees teamed up with barangay community volunteers to clear the mounds of garbage along the said portion of Laguna Lake.

The clean-up drive also coincides with the DILG's mandate to hasten the rehabilitation of Manila Bay. *Continue to page 4*

Community Participation: LARC employees with barangay officials and residents collect accumulated wastes along Laguna Lake coastline.

Pagpapabuti ng suplay... mula sa pahina 2



Josefina Montero
60 na taon sa Sto. Domingo, Bay

"Kapag ako'y nagdidilig, meron na ring lumalabas na tubig sa lababo. Lumokas na ang suplay ng tubig."



Elizabeth Barense
57 na taon sa Sto. Domingo, Bay

"Noon alas-kwatro pa lang ng umaga nag-ipon na ako ng tubig para magamit namin. Ngayon, hindi na kailangan mag-ipon sa madaling araw dahil malakas na ang tubig."



Rose Remo
30 na taon sa Calo, Bay

"Noon ay mahina ang tubig kapag tag-araw. Ngayon, kahit na tag-araw ay malakas pa rin ang suplay ng aming tubig, hindi na nawawala."



Albert Ocenar
20 na taon sa Calo, Bay

"Lumakas ang suplay ng tubig sa aming bahay simula ng binuksan ang Maahas reservoir."



Benito Lorenzo
11 na taon sa Bay Garden Homes

"Medyo lumakas ang suplay ng tubig kumpara noong bandang Agosto hanggang Setyembre 2018."



Corazon Limsan
9 na taon sa Bay Garden Homes

"Direktro na ang daloy ng tubig sa aking bahay. Salamat sa LARC malinis na ang tubig sa gripo. Hindi na kailangan bumili ng mineral water para sa inuming tubig. Hindi na rin amoy kalawang ang mga nalabhang damit."

Ang LARC ay patuloy na nagsasagawa ng mga proyekto upang mapataas at lalong mapabuti ang operasyon at suplay sa mga lugar na nasasakupan. Kung may problema sa iyong suplay maaring makipag-ugnayan sa aming Customer Care Section sa pamamagitan ng pagtawag sa 5364127 local 101, 108 o 109. Maari ring mag e-mail sa larc.main@larc.com.ph o kaya ay magpadala ng mensahe sa www.larc.com.ph o sa Facebook Messenger sa Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation - LARC.

From the President's Desk



Plans for the impending water crisis

In the Philippines, there are only two considered season that causes either flooding or drought in our land areas. Climate change, in the form of sea level rise and extreme event such as summer drought or El Niño may increase uncertainty and the vulnerability of water resources. The need for sustainable water management to support both human needs and essential ecosystem functions is gradually coming to be a top concern.

By empowering people with adequate supply of water, we are helping provide communities and families with hope, health and the opportunity for economic development. Access to reliable water supply is no doubt the most important public improvement in any municipality. Accordingly, adequate water source and water supply system for our service area that will be able to sustain the expected growth in demand is LARC's top priority. LARC focuses on enhancing and constructing treatment plants, pump stations, reservoirs and other state-of-the-art water facilities to achieve these.

Water security is not just about having enough water supply but also providing access to clean, safe and reliable water. Acquisition of chlorine dioxide generating system were also programmed to ensure correct dosing of chlorine dioxide into the water distribution network is in compliance with Philippine National Standards for Drinking Water of the Department of Health. Advanced treatment technologies to effectively harness water sources and improve water quality are also constantly being studied.

These abilities to embrace change and take bold steps while remaining thoughtful and prudent validate how LARC values its role in improving lives through quality water and used water services.

We, at **LARC Stream** appreciate your comments and feedbacks.

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Programang Alalay sa Barangay isinagawa sa Los Banos, Calauan at Bay

Katuwang ang lokal na pamahalaan ng mga barangay, muling nagsagawa ang Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC), kasama ang Laguna Water District (LWD), ng kanilang proyektong Wellness Day sa ilalim ng kanilang programang Alalay sa Barangay. Isinagawa ang libreng medical check-up, pabunot ng ngipin at pamimigay ng gamot para sa mga ilang residente sa mga piling barangay ng Los Baños, Calauan, at Bay, Laguna. Ibinahagi rin ng LARC ang tamang paraan ng paghuhugas ng kamay sa mga bata kasabay ang pamimigay ng hygiene kits upang matutunan ng mga bata ang pangunahing paraan para maiwasan ang sakit. Mahigit 1,000 residente mula sa iba't-ibang barangay ang nakatanggap ng tulong mula sa nasabing proyekto.



Wellness Day sa Tadalac. Maingat na binubunot ni Dr. Melvin Tailan (kanan) ang ngipin ng isang residente noong Enero 16, 2019. Mahigit 180 katao ang dumalo sa nasabing aktibidad.



Wellness Day sa Lalakay. Ibinibigay ng empleyado ng LARC ang libreng gamot sa isang residente matapos makapag pa-medical check-up noong Pebrero 8, 2019. Mahigit 180 residente ang dumalo sa nasabing aktibidad.



Wellness Day sa Banca-Banca. Maiging sinusuri ni Dr. Mamerto Suenia ang kanyang pasyente noong Enero 23, 2019. Mahigit 150 na residente ang nakarating sa nasabing aktibidad.



Wellness Day sa Bayog. Tinatawag ng empleyado ng LARC ang mga nagpalista para sa medical check-up noong Pebrero 22, 2019. Mahigit 160 na tao ang nabigyan ng tulong ng nasabing aktibidad.



Wellness Day sa Timugan. Abala sa pamimigay ng libreng hygiene kits sa mga bata ang mga empleyado ng LARC noong Enero 25, 2019. Mahigit 270 na residente ang naabutan ng tulong ng nasabing aktibidad.



Wellness Day sa San Antonio. Masigasig na pinapanood ng mga bata at kanilang mga magulang ang tamang paraan ng paghuhugas ng kamay noong Pebrero 27, 2019. Mahigit 200 residente ang napaglingkuran ng LARC sa ginanap na aktibidad.

LARC rallies local communities... from page 2 Students compete for Story in a Snap Contest

In order to keep the youth informed on the importance of water, LARC conducted a photo contest with the theme, 'Water for All' for students from private and public high schools in Los Baños, Bay, Calauan, Victoria, and Nagcarlan.



First place. Photo taken by Keith Daniel A. Tizon, Grade 10, Laguna Science Integrated High School.

From the entries received, the top ten photos which garnered the top scores from a panel of judges were selected and posted on the LARC Facebook page. LARC Facebook followers then had the chance to choose their favorite photo. On March 22, 2018, LARC announced the winners on their page.



Strike a pose. Several LARC concessionaires show their support for World Water Day by holding prop signs as they smile for the camera.

At the same time, customers who pay their water bill had the opportunity to join in the fun by taking their WWD photobooth photos placed in front of the LARC main office and getting LARC freebies.

Cleaning and drinking stations benefit students and tourists

Last March 27, 2019, LARC led the inauguration of the recently completed cleaning stations at Makiling Rainforest Park and Makiling Botanic Gardens. The cleaning stations were donated by LARC to the Makiling Center for Mountain Ecosystems (MCME) that will benefit the visitors of both parks.

LARC also provided a handwashing facility to Los Baños National High School to ensure access of students and teachers to a safe water supply, acceptable hygiene practices, and a healthy school environment in general.

Empowering women through proper hygiene and safe water management

LARC conducted a lecture on the importance of proper practices on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) for women communities of Los Baños last March 29, 2019.

It aims to empower women through behavioral changes essential to realizing the full health and economic benefits of proper water and sanitation practices. Women are traditionally responsible for sanitation and maintaining a hygienic home environment, hence they play a key role in sustainable solutions to the global WASH challenge.

The activity is also part of LARC's celebration of National Women's Month.



Rainforest activity. MCME Deputy Dir. Rogelio T. Andrada gives his message of appreciation to LARC during the inaugural ceremony of the cleaning stations.



WASH awareness. UPLB - Human Ecology Asst. Prof. Fevi Rose C. Paro (center) gives pointers on proper water and sanitation practices during her lecture on WASH.