



On the Water Front

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A Message from John Balliew, P.E., President/CEO

Jonathan Rogers plant marks 25 years of innovation

For 25 years, the Jonathan Rogers Water Treatment Plant has paid dividends for El Paso Water.

Three decades ago, engineering studies warned that El Paso was at risk of depleting its groundwater supply by 2030 unless major changes were made to our long-term water management plans. We needed a game-changing strategy to reduce our dependence on heavily-pumped aquifers and to further diversify our water supply.



Staff at the Jonathan Rogers plant.

Taking action

EPWater sprang into action and launched an aggressive conservation program, expanded water recycling and constructed a new water plant in Mission Valley to increase the use of river water when available.

Named after four-time El Paso mayor Jonathan Rogers, the new water treatment plant added 40 million gallons of treated river water to the system and eased the burden on our taxed underground resources. In 2002, the facility would be expanded to produce 60 million gallons to meet growth demands.

The plant is our second to treat river water to safe drinking water standards. It consistently receives an annual Superior Water System ranking by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The innovative Jonathan Rogers plant, 10000 Southside Road, debuted in 1993 as a pioneer in developing ozone technology. We were among the first in the industry to use ozone, which is now prized for its efficiency in removing bacteria and assuring the quality and safety of drinking water.

The plant is in the process of replacing its ozone disinfection system with a \$17 million upgrade, due for completion in 2019. The new system will require less maintenance and will offer increased efficiency in ozone production and cost effectiveness.

Leading the mission

Through the years, the Jonathan Rogers plant has effectively served the burgeoning Mission Valley and East Side with a loyal staff leading the charge.

Please join us at EPWater in saluting the valuable plant and its employees, including three who have worked at the Jonathan Rogers plant since 1993 – Water Plant Superintendent Mike Parker, Water Plant Assistant Superintendent Frank Regalado and Senior Secretary Pat de la Cerda. Our employees take great pride in their facility and work hard to carry out our mission to the area's residents.

The Jonathan Rogers Water Treatment Plant came through for El Paso at a time when diversification of our water resources was badly needed. We look forward to the great things in store with another expansion on the horizon, as it keeps paying dividends into the future.



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