

# HISTORY

The Laguna Water District formerly known as Los Baños Waterworks became operational sometime in the 1920s with the primary mission of providing safe, quality and reliable supply of water in a cost effective and efficient manner for the residents of Los Baños.

The LWD was recognized by the Sangguniang Bayan of Los Baños, to function as an independent and separate office on January 10, 1977 through resolution number 4- S-1977. The actual operation of Los Baños Water District began on February 11, 1977 and was issued a Certificate of Conformance (COC) No. 038 by the Local Water Utilities Administration in May of 1977.

After the annexation of the adjoining Municipalities of Calauan in August 10, 1982 through Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 43-1982. Bay in September 6, 1982 through Sangguniang Bayan resolution number 14 series of 1982. On September 18, 1982, the LWD Board of Directors through LWD Board Resolution number 82-051 deemed it proper to change the name of Los Baños Water District to Laguna Water District to represent the three Municipalities in its area of responsibility. The Municipalities of Los Baños, Bay and Calauan and maintains 17 water sources which supply almost 45,000 households.

On February 6, 1992, all local Water Districts were declared Government- Owned and Controlled Corporation (GOCC) with original charter which falls under the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and the Commission on Audit (COA).

To continue with its mandate in providing safe, potable and reliable supply of water in its concession area given its limited financial capabilities, LWD entertained an unsolicited proposal from the unincorporated consortium of Equi-Parco Construction Company, TwinkPeak Hydro Resources Corporation and Metropac Water Investments Corporation on May 27, 2015. The aim of the Joint Venture proposal will forge an Agreement to undertake the financing, rehabilitation, improvement, expansion,

operation and maintenance of the water supply system of LWD, with an approximate total project cost of Php1.4 Billion.

After a thorough evaluation of the LWD Joint Venture Selection Committee and through the recommendation of the management, the LWD Board of Directors accepted the unsolicited JV Proposal on August 10, 2015 and determined that it will be advantageous and beneficial to the government and to its concessionaires.

On November 3, 2015, LWD formally signed into a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) with the consortium of Equi-Parco Construction Company, TwinPeak Hydro Resources Corporation, and MetroPac Water Investments Corporation. After the execution of the JVA, the Special Purpose

Corporation (SPC) and the LWD, as co-joint venturers, created and established a Joint Venture Company (JVC) named Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corp. (LARC).

On July 2024, Manila Water Philippine Ventures initiated the transition process for managing the operations of Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Inc. (LARC). By April 2024, Manila Water officially announced its complete takeover of LARC's management and operations, marking a new chapter for the water utility service provider.

This development signifies Manila Water's commitment to enhancing LARC's operational efficiency, service delivery, and customer satisfaction.

The transition includes strategic improvements in water distribution, infrastructure upgrades, and addressing challenges such as water quality, non-revenue water (NRW) and low water pressure in certain areas. It also reflects efforts to align LARC's management practices with Manila Water's standards of excellence, ensuring that concessionaires receive reliable and high-quality water services.