

## **A BIT OF HISTORY**

The Water Company began its existence in July of 1938 as the Dickinson Fresh Water Supply District No. 1, but several months later changed its name to the current name of Galveston County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1.

The early boundaries were from the Dickinson Bayou north to Deats Road. This north boundary was later changed to Hollywood Street. The east boundary was the railroad tracks and west to the old Interurban right-of-way.

In January of 1950, the Water Company bought the Dickinson Ice & Fuel Company, which had developed from a need for a local ice supply into a thriving and expanding water supply system when the local residents' small water wells dried up. The Water District increased the number of wells it used for their needs until July of 1981, when the Board of Directors signed a contract for surface water with Galveston County Water Authority. The water wells are now used for emergencies.

Today, the District provides potable drinking water and sanitary sewer services to approximately 23,000 people in the Dickinson community.

The District has always been led by a Board of Directors who have looked to the future in keeping the District ahead of and meeting the State and Federal regulations for safe drinking water and wastewater treatment.

The Board of Directors and all employees of the District are working together to be the best Water District in the State of Texas.

## **WATER**

Galveston County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 provides drinking water for residential and commercial customers, which encompasses the majority of the City of Dickinson, part of League City, part of Texas City and a portion of the unincorporated area of Galveston County. This includes approximately 7,900 accounts. The District also has an interconnect agreement with the City of League City for bulk water purchases.

The District also has a contract with Gulf Coast Water Authority for 4.16 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated drinking water. Our average usage is approximately 2 million gallons per day.

The District receives treated drinking water from Gulf Coast Water Authority (GCWA) in Texas City at two (2) take points – the Ecret Water Plant and the West Water Plant.

The District operates five (5) ground storage tanks and two (2) elevated storage tanks. The District also operates four (4) potable water wells that are used predominantly for peaking and emergencies.

## **WASTEWATER**

The District operates a 4.8 million gallons per day permitted Activated Sludge Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), located on the banks of Dickinson Bayou.

The District has installed permanent emergency generation onsite to ensure continuous treatment operations. The District also operates approximately 25 lift stations which many have either standby pumps or generators to ensure operations in emergencies.

## **OPERATIONS**

The District has full-time operations employees, as well as, a Construction Crew. We operate out of two (2) locations, our Falco Maintenance Facility and our Administrative Office, which is in a wing of the Dickinson City Hall. We have 38 full-time employees. This includes four (4) Department Heads - a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) who is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Human Resources Director, a Superintendent of Treatment Operations and a Water and Wastewater Superintendent. The District operates a full GIS system in-house and has it available in the field for support of field operations.