

Pre 1913

Pre 1913 (mostly till the late 1890s) Inadequate water and sewage infrastructure, non-existent regulations, water shortages, political fighting and other related problems led to a major deterioration of public health and the collapsing of various services.



1912

John Parker formed the Peninsula Municipal Society. John Parker - first Mayor of the Greater Cape Town Municipality (1913-1915)



1913

Amalgamation of 8 municipalities, John Parker elected as the first Mayor. Wynberg held out until 1927, and Simon's Town which (almost) had sufficient water of its own, remained independent until the major redelimitation in 1996.



1916

Despite the resources of the Unified Water Authority, it was not possible to meet the growing demands and the water position was again critical, a Board of Engineers was appointed to report on development of water supply for Cape Town.



1921

Steenbras Dam completed.



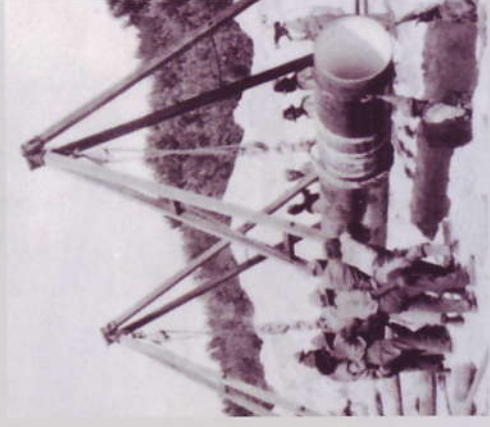
1923

Restrictions were again necessary as a long drought was expected and consumption was now almost 3 mg/d. Population was up to 207 000. In order to conserve water and to curb waste, metering of all new connections was ordered. (9 384 already in use)



1926

Work began on a second pipeline from Steenbras Dam, a 32 inch steel pipe leading to the Newlands Reservoir.



1928

Water was flowing the Steenbras Dam via the 32 " steel pipe into the upper Newlands Reservoir.

1932

A special committee formed to investigate the problem of plumbo-solvency and colour. Led to a milestone in Cape Town's water undertaking - the first water treatment plant at Constantia Nek.



1932

Construction of the Wemmershoek Dam commenced after extensive investigations.



1971

The Voëlvlei Treatment Plant and an 80 km long pipeline were constructed by the City to utilise the 66 400 Ml per year allocation from DWAF's Voëlvlei Dam.



1981

The Blackheath WTP and associated pipelines were completed. The WTP won the SAICE Regional Award for Excellence in 1982.



1994

Faure Water Treatment Plant (500 Ml/d) & Reservoir (640 Ml) SAICE Award- 1994



1998

The means to extract water from the Palmiet River was achieved, when the channel and pipeline from the Eskom/DWAF Pumped Storage Scheme to Steenbras Dam was completed.



2008

Berg River Dam was completed. The Firlands Pump Station was built to deliver raw water from the lower Steenbras Pumped Storage Dam to the Faure WTP.



2013

TMG Aquifer Feasibility Study & Pilot Project. Treated Effluent Re-use - Direct/Indirect. Other post 2013 strategies have been developed.