In 2004, the San Diego Public Library and the City of San Diego Water Department entered into an agreement to preserve, inventory and catalog a collection of documents stored at the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant. The documents, which represent nearly 100 years of San Diego water history, include historic vintage photographs and negatives, blueprints, technical reports, correspondence, clippings from newspapers and magazines, and artifacts from the era of dam and pipeline construction in San Diego.

Funded by the Water Department and using the technical expertise of the San Diego Public Library staff, this collaboration has resulted in the cataloging and preservation of more than 125,000 items so far. The collection is truly a unique resource for students of the water history of San Diego.

As a supplement to the materials in this exhibit, here is a selection of materials in the San Diego Public Library’s collection on this subject:

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