Recycled water is delivered to Greer Park for the first time from the Regional Water Quality Control Plant. By 1993, the Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course as well as the Municipal Service Center also begin receiving recycled water.

The City borrows $2 million from the electric utility to invest in a fiber optic utility. We initially build a fiber backbone connecting our electric substations and have continued to expand and offer dark fiber service to commercial customers.

Between 2003 and 2013, Palo Alto Green, an award winning voluntary green pricing program allows electric customers to pay extra for carbon neutral electricity. In 2013 Palo Alto becomes one of the first cities in the nation to source 100% carbon neutral electricity.

Palo Alto residents and businesses are part owners of our municipal utility. We encourage you to get involved and share your input on programs and policies by attending our Utilities Advisory Commission and City Council meetings.

Do you have any ideas to share with us? Please feel free to write a note about a new technology or program to explore, or other ways we can engage with the community and enhance the services we provide to you, our municipal utility customers.

In 2017 Palo Alto begins offsetting the green house gas emissions caused by natural gas use and becomes the first 100% carbon neutral utility in the world.