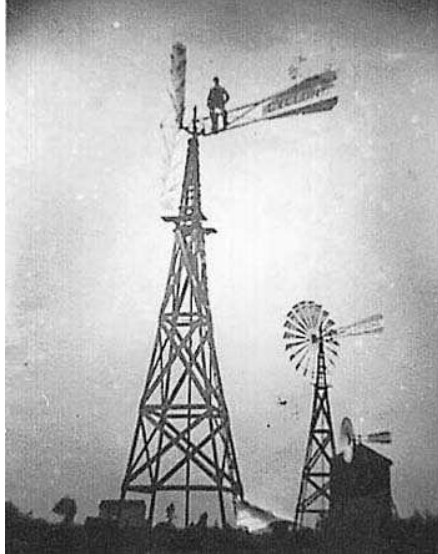


# Water



The 1890s proved to be a difficult one for residents. A prolonged drought caused many families to leave town. Carlsbad residents turned to **water wells** powered by the wind such as these located on **Harding Street** in 1898. The South Coast Land Company purchased much of the downtown land from departing residents. Between 1906 and 1914, this company laid redwood pipes from the San Luis Rey River to Carlsbad, providing a reliable source of water for residents. They formed a water company known as the Oceanside Mutual Water Company, later changed in 1927 to the Carlsbad Mutual Water Company. It was this water company that provided Carlsbad with water until the 1950s, when a combination of increased population and salinity forced the residents to look for an alternate source.



Calaveras Dam site - Carlsbad Mutual Water Co  
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In 1941, the Carlsbad Mutual Water Company began construction of the Calaveras Dam site, as a source of water for residents. This water company supplied one third of the total water needs to city residents. Between the years of 1954-1958, another water company the Carlsbad Municipal was formed, and the city connected pipelines to the Colorado River aqueduct, thus ensuring a plentiful supply of water, for domestic and agricultural use.

