

GENERAL INFORMATION

Long before any water supply system existed in the Municipality of Miagao people relied solely on shallow wells either privately constructed or publicly provided for their day-to-day need of water. Tumagbok River traversing the North-eastern proximity of the town with its once pristine and seemingly inexhaustible stream of water served as the town's alternate and immediate water source for domestic use, laundry, bathing and other related uses.

Due to the insatiable need for water and the growing demand for it, domestic water supply system was conceptualized. Exploration of reliable point sources of water begun in the 1950's. After having identified the reliable sources, facilities and other components needed for the complete operation of the system were put in place. However, it was only in 1959 when these facilities were put into operation following the completion of pipeline network in the Poblacion. Early periods of operation performed remarkably well until some unforeseen circumstances rendered the system no longer viable to operate.

Reviving of the operation was undertaken when an infiltration gallery was constructed along the bed of Tumagbok River. Other necessary facilities such as the collector well and chlorination tank were also constructed. It was then that the town people again enjoyed the fresh supply of water.

Management and operation changed hands in the past from the defunct National Waterworks and Sewerage Administration (NWSA) to the Local Government Unit (LGU) by virtue

of Presidential Decree No. 198 known as the Provincial Water Utilities Act of 1973 favoring the local operations and control of water systems.

In November 1988, the Miagao Water District was formed by virtue of the Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 81 passed and approved by the Municipal Council. The following year, on February 7, 1989, the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) issued a Conditional Certificate of Conformance (CCC) No. 383 to Miagao Water District after having taken significant steps and commitment to improve domestic water services to the public. The CCC entitles the District to avail of the institutional, technical and financial assistance from LWUA.