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## **Cuyamaca College - Center for Water Studies Ribbon Cutting**

On January 18, 2018, Cuyamaca College in California unveiled its new Field Operations Skills Yard (FOSY) with a ribbon cutting ceremony. This new addition is part of the Center for Water Studies, designed to prepare the next generation of water industry professionals with hands-on training.

FOSY includes an above-ground model of a typical water system where students will be able to engage with a working water system to apply their classroom knowledge. Much of the material for the skills yard was donated. Core and Main of San Marcos, California provided many items, including Ford Meter Box® brass couplings, saddles, corporation stops and curb stops.

Ford Meter Box Sales Representatives, Blake Kidd and Mark Williams, were invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony on behalf of Ford Meter Box, along with Core and Main representatives, Cuyamaca College, local city officials, and other waterworks manufacturers who donated material to this venture.

The Center's expansion comes at an important time for the waterworks industry. An aging water infrastructure needs skilled individuals to face the challenges ahead. According to Cuyamaca College President Julianna Barnes, "Cuyamaca College is a leader in workforce training for the water and wastewater industry, and the Center for Water Studies will further strengthen our status as a trailblazer in the profession."

Thank you to Cuyamaca College and the Center for Water Studies for your dedication to such an important industry. Ford Meter Box is honored to be a part of this expansion, and to contribute to the future of the water industry and aspiring professionals learning the value of delivering safe and clean water.



Above: Officials cut the ribbon for the new addition to the Cuyamaca College Center for Water Studies.





Top: The Field Operations Skills Yard ready for training. Bottom: A Ford<sup>®</sup> valve installed in the skills yard.

