

# From water carriers to distribution companies. History of drinking water in Valparaiso (1850-1917) [De aguadores ambulantes a empresas distribuidoras. Historia del agua para consumo en Valparaíso (1850-1917)]

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The aim of this study is to investigate the water supply for general public consumption in the city of Valparaiso during the second half of the 19th century, the period when the city becomes cosmopolitan. We review the instances of water collection and distribution, before and after their modernization through, the systematic study of the different phases implemented in Valparaiso, starting with the classic supply model and finishing with the modern one. Finally, the analysis also reveals the main figures in charge of water supply system in Valparaiso at the time of these models. Our sources are the press, as well as documents and proceedings of the Municipality of Valparaiso.

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19th century

Chile

Modernización

Valparaiso

Water supply

Wáter management