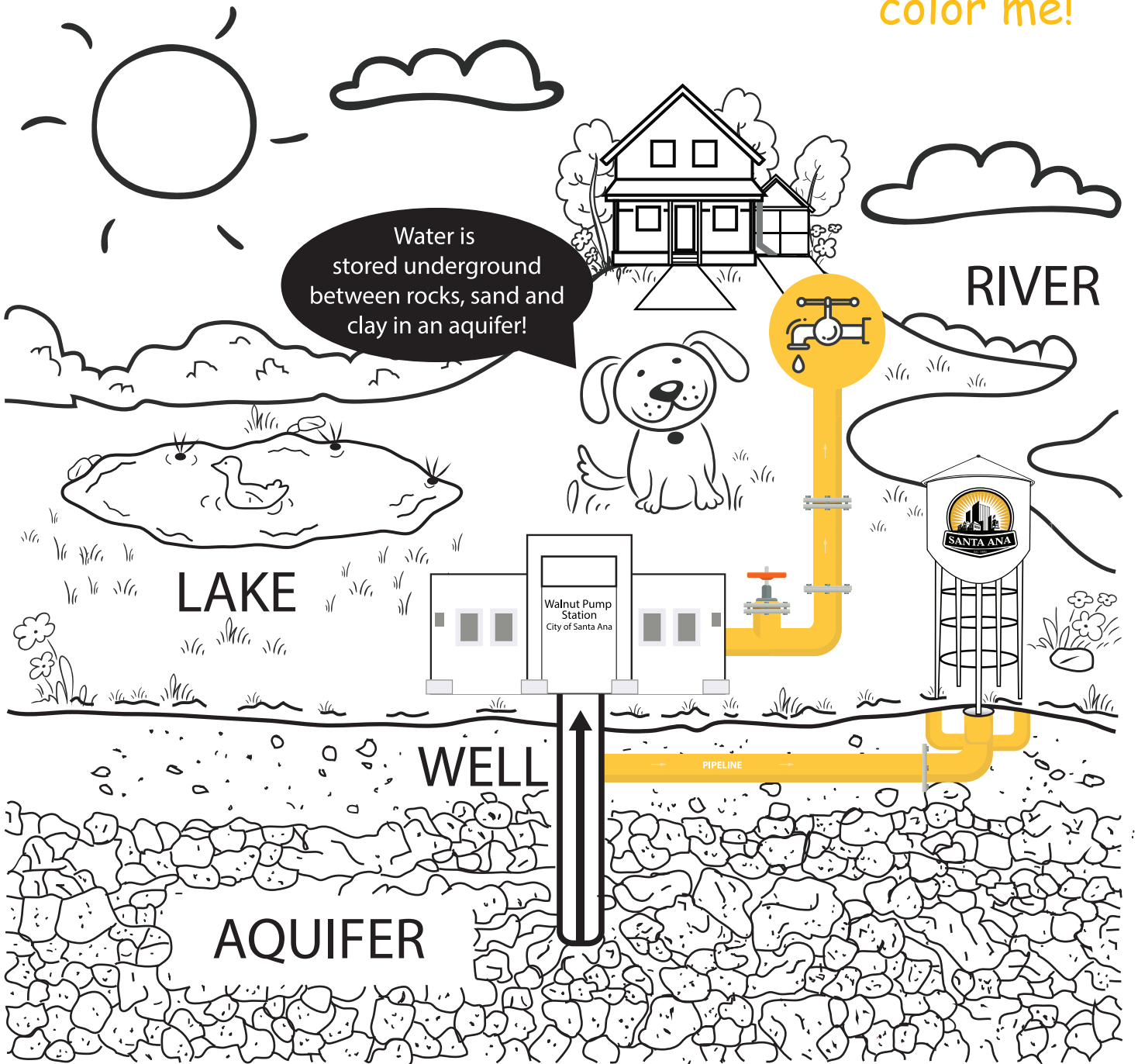


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Drinking water comes from **lakes, rivers and streams (surface water)** or under the ground (**groundwater**).

Surface water can get dirty, so before we drink it, it must be cleaned at a **treatment plant**. Groundwater is naturally filtered as it passes through the earth into underground reservoirs called **aquifers**. Tap water travels from a water treatment plant or wells to your faucet through a distribution system of pipelines.