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**FORWARD-THINKING TREATMENT PROJECT
WILL USE RECYCLED WATER TO PROTECT REGION FROM DROUGHT THREAT**

Pico Rivera (Aug. 22, 2019) - The Water Replenishment District (WRD) is unveiling its state-of-the-art water recycling plant that establishes WRD as one of the state's top innovators in recycling water for groundwater replenishment.

"This is a great day for our region," said WRD President John Allen. "We are also setting an example of what needs to be done up and down this state to meet the challenge of quenching the thirst of California residents and businesses in the face of changing weather patterns including periodic drought. Water recycling is the wave of the future."

WRD manages the groundwater supply, which provides half of the water supply for 4 million people (ten percent of the State's population) who reside in the 43 cities within the WRD service area. The Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning is the final piece of WRD's Water Independence Now (WIN) Program; a collection of projects that will allow WRD to manage this critical resource with local groundwater replenishment sources. WRD's WIN program will provide a completely locally sustainable groundwater supply, drought-proofing our region.

The Water Replenishment District is the largest groundwater agency in the State of California, managing and protecting local groundwater resources for four million residents. WRD's service area covers a 420-square-mile region of southern Los Angeles County, the most populated county in the United States. The 43 cities in the service area, including a portion of the City of Los Angeles, use about 250,000 acre-feet (82 billion gallons) of groundwater annually which accounts for approximately half of the region's water supply.