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Goleta Water District to Deliver Recycled Water to Montecito Water District During Drought

On November 17, 2016, the Goleta Water District (District) finalized an agreement that makes its Recycled Water Hauling Program (Program) available to Montecito Water District (MWD) customers, in response to a request by MWD. The District has agreed to assist MWD in replacing potable demand by offering surplus recycled water for sale at cost in the spirit of regional cooperation during this extreme drought, though the District does not benefit financially or gain potable water savings from the project. The District's Program provides customers not connected to the recycled water distribution line the opportunity to purchase surplus recycled water supplies with delivery by truck, and is the only one of its kind in the county. The District serves recycled water through a partnership with the Goleta Sanitary District (GSD) for use in outdoor irrigation, agriculture, industry, dust control, and construction, though there may be restrictions and specific needs to consider depending on how it will be used.

District Board President Lauren Hanson stated, "Recycled water plays a critical role in our drought response, and we are pleased to offer mutual aid to our sister agency by providing surplus recycled water to Montecito residents. Every drop of recycled water used for outdoor irrigation preserves potable water for public health and safety here on the South Coast."

Goleta Water District customers not connected to the District's recycled water distribution line have had access to recycled water deliveries by truck for the last year. The District also sought and got an amended State permit that allows the District to haul excess recycled water to other agencies on the South Coast upon their request. For more information on the Recycled Water Hauling Program please contact the Goleta Water District at (805) 964-6761, or visit www.GoletaWater.com.

Under a partnership with the GSD, the District serves approximately 1,000 acre feet per year (AFY) of recycled water via distribution pipeline to 30 customers in the Goleta Valley. Recycled water represents approximately 7% of District supplies, and helps conserve potable water, improve supply reliability and keep costs lower for customers. More recycled water is available than is currently used by customers outside of peak demand periods.

The Goleta Water District provides water to a diverse population of approximately 87,000 in the Goleta Valley area, including agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional customers. The District's water system includes over 270 miles of pipelines, a water treatment plant, storage reservoirs, pumping facilities, active wells, the recycled water system, and connections with Lake Cachuma and the State Water Project.

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