



Rancho Water News Release

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SUBJECT: **Rancho Water wins \$1.7 million in competitive USBR grant to expand recycled water projects**
Supports long-term water sustainability for the region

Temecula, CA 9/9/19 – Rancho California Water District (Rancho Water/District) was one of only five communities in California, Hawaii and Texas to win a competitive grant from the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR). The District will receive \$1,727,960 to fund the extension of their recycled water pipeline in parts of Temecula and Murrieta. Through partnerships with the local school districts, large homeowners associations, and the cities, approximately 54 landscape areas will be converted from potable (drinking) water to recycled water, saving nearly 67 million gallons of water per year.

The District actively pursues grant funding from various agencies to reduce costs and to help fund projects that ensure long-term water sustainability for the region. In July, the District also received a \$750,000 grant to increase groundwater recharge efforts. In the last ten years, Rancho Water has obtained more than \$18 million in outside funding.

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Formed in 1965, Rancho California Water District supplies an area consisting of approximately 150 square miles. The District serves the area known as Temecula/Rancho California, which includes the City of Temecula, parts of Murrieta, and other contiguous lands. The District is separated into two divisions: the Santa Rosa Division generally west of I-15 and Rancho Division generally east of I-15. The District currently provides sewer service to the Cal Oaks and Bear Creek areas.

"The mission of the Rancho California Water District is to deliver reliable, high-quality water, wastewater and reclamation services to its customers and communities in a prudent and sustainable manner."