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**SoCalGas and Rancho Water to Offer
No-Cost Energy- and Water-Saving Upgrades to
Eligible Residents of Temecula, Murrieta & Other Areas**

Rancho Water funds \$40,000 in water-savings improvements for income-eligible residents as part of SoCalGas' Energy Savings Assistance program

LOS ANGELES Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) and Rancho California Water District (Rancho Water) announced today the two utilities will team up to provide energy efficiency and water-saving upgrades at no cost to income-eligible residents in the companies' overlapping service areas. The energy efficiency upgrades are part of SoCalGas' Energy Savings Assistance Program (ESA). Rancho Water has provided \$40,000 for water-saving upgrades in addition to SoCalGas' upgrades. Residents who live in the cities of Temecula, Murrieta, and unincorporated areas of southwest Riverside County may be eligible for the no-cost improvements.

Through the ESA program, qualifying customers in SoCalGas and Rancho Water's service

territories can receive energy- and water-efficient upgrades such as low-flow kitchen and bath faucet aerators, low-flow showerheads, thermostatic shower valves, and thermostatic tub spouts. Customers qualify for this program if they receive benefits from any number of programs including Medi-Cal/Medicaid, Women, Infants & Children (WIC), CalFresh, or the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), and if their total household income qualifies. Customers who have been impacted by COVID-19 or who have experienced a change in their income may also now qualify.

“SoCalGas believes in the importance of reducing environmental impact and providing customers with the tools they need to not only conserve energy but save money on their utility bills,” said Brian Prusnek, director of customer programs and assistance at SoCalGas. “We’re pleased to join forces with the Rancho California Water District for this effort.”

“Water and energy efficiency is such an important topic for Rancho Water and for our customers. We are proud to offer SoCalGas this funding so they can, in turn, help low-income and COVID-impacted residents find cost savings through more efficient appliances and home fittings,” said Robert Grantham, Rancho Water General Manager. “As California is always faced with possible drought, Rancho Water encourages all of our customers to check their homes and businesses for opportunities to be more water wise.”

“Not only does this program save energy and help the environment, it also saves money for those customers in the SoCalGas and Rancho California Water District service territories,” said Temecula City Councilman Matt Rahn.

“By offering these upgrades, Rancho Water and SoCalGas help the District’s customers save energy and money,” said Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington.

The SoCalGas ESA program provides eligible customers with home improvements, at no cost to the renter or homeowner, that help conserve energy, reduce natural gas use, and enhance the safety, health, and comfort of the renter or homeowner. SoCalGas provides this service to approximately 100,000 customers each year. Over 1.5 million homes have received upgrades through the ESA program.

In the last five years, SoCalGas' energy efficiency programs have generated over \$1 billion in avoided energy costs and delivered more than 219 million therms in energy savings, enough natural gas usage for 548,000 households a year. These energy savings reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 1.15 million metric tons of carbon dioxide, the equivalent of removing more than 250,000 cars from the road annually. Overall, these measures have helped SoCalGas customers save over \$241 million on their natural gas bill costs over the past five years.

In 2020, the company's energy efficiency programs helped conserve more energy than any other natural gas utility in the U.S. SoCalGas' energy efficiency programs saved enough energy to power 100,000 homes in Southern California for one year. The utility invests more in energy efficiency than any other local natural gas distribution company in the country and currently operates the largest natural gas energy efficiency program.

SoCalGas also recently announced its [commitment](#) to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in its operations and delivery of energy by 2045, reducing not only the company’s own direct emissions, but also those generated by its customers to support a carbon neutral economy. More information on the company's mission and strategic priorities can be found at socalgas.com/mission.

To learn more about SoCalGas' customer assistance programs and the Energy Savings Assistance program, visit socalgas.com/assistance or call 1-800-331-7593. For more information about Rancho Water's water use efficiency resources, visit RanchoWater.com.

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About Rancho California Water District: *The mission of the Rancho California Water District is to deliver reliable, high-quality water, wastewater, and recycled water services to its customers and communities in a prudent and sustainable manner. Rancho Water is a local, independent Special District, organized on August 16, 1965, servicing approximately 150 square miles, 9,000 acres of irrigated agriculture, and about 45,000 service connections representing 150,000 people in Temecula, Murrieta, and parts of unincorporated areas of Riverside County.*

About SoCalGas: *Headquartered in Los Angeles, SoCalGas® is the largest gas distribution utility in the United States. SoCalGas delivers affordable, reliable, clean and increasingly renewable gas service to 21.8 million consumers across 24,000 square miles of Central and Southern California. Gas delivered through the company's pipelines will continue to play a key role in California's clean energy transition—providing electric grid reliability and supporting wind and solar energy deployment.*

SoCalGas' mission is to build the cleanest, safest and most innovative energy company in America. In support of that mission, SoCalGas is committed to achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in its operations and delivery of energy by 2045 and to replacing 20 percent of its traditional natural gas supply with renewable natural gas (RNG) by 2030. Renewable natural gas is made from waste created by dairy farms, landfills and wastewater treatment plants. SoCalGas is also committed to investing in its gas delivery infrastructure while keeping bills affordable for customers. Over the past five years, the company invested nearly \$7.5 billion to upgrade and modernize its pipeline system to enhance safety and reliability. SoCalGas is a subsidiary of Sempra Energy (NYSE: SRE), an energy services holding company based in San Diego. For more information visit socalgas.com/newsroom or connect with SoCalGas on Twitter (@SoCalGas), Instagram (@SoCalGas) and Facebook.

