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**Rancho Water Wins 2022 WaterSense®  
Excellence in Outreach and Collaboration Award**

**Washington, D.C.**—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recognized the Rancho California Water District (Rancho Water/District) with a 2022 WaterSense Excellence Award for helping people save water. In recognition of the District's commitment to promoting WaterSense and water efficiency, Rancho Water was honored today during the WaterSmart Innovations (WSI) Conference and Exposition in Las Vegas.

The Excellence in Outreach and Collaboration Award was presented to Rancho Water for its work in promoting rebates, water-efficient fixtures, and WaterSense's Fix a Leak Week. During the annual Fix a Leak Week event, Rancho Water's Water Use Efficiency and Public Information teams custom-built a webpage that highlighted ways for customers to contribute to water efficiency goals every day. The campaign featured WaterSense videos, social media challenges, giveaways, and drawings for weather-based irrigation controllers and Rain Bird Spray-to-Drip Retrofit Kits. In addition, Rancho Water hosted free leak detection, drought, and wildfire preparedness workshops.

"Rancho Water is very proud of its partnership with EPA WaterSense, and the difference that this collaboration makes in saving water in and around people's homes and businesses," said Rancho Water General Manager Robert Grantham. "We are so pleased to receive this award and appreciate the recognition of our team's hard work and dedication to outreach and communications."

"Throughout 2021, our award-winning partners helped people protect this precious resource by promoting WaterSense labeled products and water-efficient behaviors," said Veronica Blette, Chief, WaterSense Branch. "Saving water is particularly critical in areas impacted by drought, but is also a path to helping consumers stretch dollars by reducing their water and energy bills."

WaterSense, a voluntary partnership program sponsored by EPA, is both a label for water-efficient products, programs, and homes, and a resource for helping consumers learn ways to save water. Since 2006, more than 2,100 WaterSense partners and over 40,000 models of certified water-efficient products have helped consumers and businesses save 6.4 trillion gallons of water and 754 billion kilowatt hours of energy. Because of these products, consumers have saved \$135 billion in water and energy bills.

For more information about rebates and water use efficiency, visit [RanchoWater.com/rebates](https://RanchoWater.com/rebates). To find out more about WaterSense, visit [EPA.gov/watersense](https://EPA.gov/watersense).

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**About Rancho California Water District:** *The mission of Rancho Water is to deliver reliable, high-quality water, wastewater, and reclamation 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 and about 45,000 service connections in Temecula, Murrieta, and parts of unincorporated Riverside County.*

**About EPA WaterSense:** *WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by EPA, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering consumers and businesses simple ways to use less water with water-efficient products, homes, and services.*



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