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**Rancho Water Wins 2023 CAPIO  
Excellence in Public Information & Communications Award**

**Temecula, Calif.** – The California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) has recognized the Rancho California Water District (Rancho Water/District) with a 2023 Excellence in Public Information & Communications (EPIC) Award for its “Journey of Water” video series. For the District's commitment to exceptional communications, Rancho Water was honored at the CAPIO Annual Conference in Monterey, California.

[CAPIO](#) is the leading professional organization dedicated to advancing public communicators through training, resources, and networking to strengthen and engage communities. CAPIO's EPIC awards honor work that makes a lasting impact, transcending innovation and craft. The program recognizes the most creative and effective efforts in the areas of communication and marketing campaigns, newsletter production, photography, special events, writing, website development, and video production.

The EPIC Award was presented to Rancho Water for the Video Production-Series category for its “Journey of Water” series following four water droplets from their origination points - the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Colorado Rockies, the sky, and the wastewater treatment plant - to their final stops in the Rancho Water service area. The videos serve as an educational tool for the District to explain where customers' water comes from, the importance of water infrastructure, and wastewater filtration.

“Rancho Water is pleased to receive this award and we appreciate CAPIO's recognition of our team's dedication to excellence in communications and public information,” said Rancho Water General Manager Robert Grantham. “This video series has been a priceless addition to our outreach tools as it encourages our customers to learn about our area's water sources and the incredible journey every water drop takes to arrive in our service area.”

The full-length video is available on Rancho Water's [YouTube channel](#) or on the District's [Teacher Resources](#) webpage.

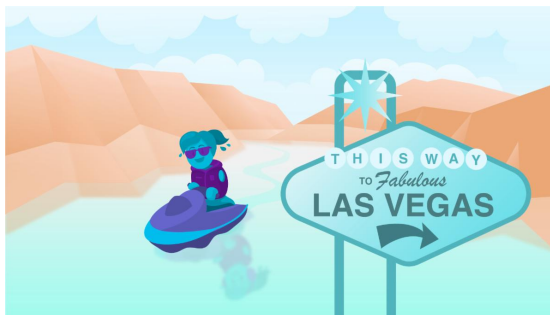
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**About Rancho California Water District:** *The mission of Rancho Water is to deliver reliable, high-quality water, wastewater, and reclamation services to its customers and communities in a prudent and sustainable manner. Rancho Water is a local, independent Special District,*

organized on August 16, 1965, servicing approximately 150 square miles and more than 45,000 service connections in Temecula, Murrieta, and parts of unincorporated Riverside County.



*Water droplet Wade journeys through California's State Water Project*



*Brook is a droplet that travels from the Colorado Rockies to Southern California*



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