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**New Water-Wise Demonstration Garden
Now Open to Public at Rancho Water**

Twelve garden themes available for self-guided tour

Temecula, Calif. – The public is invited to tour a new demonstration garden at the Rancho California Water District (Rancho Water) office in Temecula. The garden features dozens of water-efficient plants, trees, and groundcovers displayed in twelve themed landscapes throughout the property.

The Rancho Water demonstration garden offers the public a number of ways to transform their landscape into a sustainable, low-water-use space. Designed by [McCabe's Landscape Construction](#), a dozen different garden plots have been created to give visitors ideas of what might work best at their home or business. Themes include: Cottage, Desert, Mediterranean, Coastal, Wine Country, Woodland, Modern Farmhouse, and Moon Garden. Within the twelve concepts, more than sixty different plant types can be found including Kurapia, a water-wise groundcover that is quickly becoming a popular replacement for lawns.

Rancho Water General Manager Robert Grantham said, "Rancho Water is excited to present our newly-designed demonstration garden. We remain committed to providing pathways for water efficiency, while maintaining the beauty of our community. This new educational center is intended to offer practical ideas and spark creativity as our customers redesign their own landscapes."

The garden opened to the public following a ribbon cutting event on Monday, October 2. The event was in partnership with the State of California's [Save Our Water](#) campaign and the Temecula and Murrieta-Wildomar Chambers of Commerce. City and county leaders, community groups, and water officials from across the region joined Temecula and

Murrieta residents and business owners for the ribbon cutting and guided tours of the garden.

Yurina Melara, Save Our Water campaign representative, commended Rancho Water's dedication to raising awareness about water conservation through their community demonstration garden.

“Rancho Water is setting a shining example for actions other water agencies can take to show community members how they can save water, time, and money with new water-wise landscaping. As our state continues to experience extreme swings between wet and dry periods, it is important we all make water conservation a way of life.”

Future plans for the garden include open houses, water workshops, educational field trips, and continuing to update the landscapes with new water-efficient alternatives to high-water-use plants and lawns. The garden is open to the public at all times at Rancho Water's main office (42135 Winchester Rd, Temecula, CA). Visitors can pick up a garden map brochure for a self-guided tour of the front entry, sidewalk, and courtyard gardens.

For more information about Rancho Water's demonstration garden, visit RanchoWater.com/garden. For additional water saving tips and to find available yard transformation rebates in your area, visit SaveOurWater.com.

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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 46,000 service connections in Temecula, Murrieta, and parts of unincorporated Riverside County.*

About Save Our Water: *Save Our Water is California's statewide water conservation program. Started in 2009 by the California Department of Water Resources, Save Our Water's goal is to make water conservation a daily habit among Californians. The program reaches millions of Californians each year through partnerships with local water agencies and other community-based organizations, social marketing efforts, paid and earned media and event sponsorships. Please visit SaveOurWater.com and follow @saveourwater on Twitter and Instagram and @SaveOurWaterCA on Facebook.*



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