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Rancho Water Wins 2023 WaterSense® Partner of the Year Award

Washington, D.C.—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has honored the Rancho California Water District (Rancho Water / District) with a prestigious WaterSense Partner of the Year Award. This accolade, presented at the WaterSmart Innovations (WSI) Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, underscores Rancho Water's commitment to championing water conservation throughout 2022.

Recognized as one of only nine nationwide Partners of the Year, Rancho Water has been distinguished for its sustained excellence in water efficiency, communication, and the promotion of WaterSense products. The District's comprehensive efforts include impactful community outreach programs, active participation in WaterSense initiatives like Fix a Leak Week and Shower Better, and a strategic partnership with Lowe's® Home Improvement store to produce informative videos showcasing the optimal use of WaterSense products in both home and garden settings.

John Rossi, President of the Rancho Water Board, expressed his gratitude, saying, "Rancho Water is honored to receive the EPA WaterSense Partner of the Year award, acknowledging our achievements in communication, outreach, and the promotion of water-efficient products. As stewards of this precious water resource, we are dedicated to continuing our role in water efficiency and conservation efforts."

WaterSense, a voluntary partnership program sponsored by the EPA, serves as both a label for water-efficient products, programs, and homes and a valuable resource for educating consumers on water-saving practices. More than 2,100 manufacturers, builders, retailers, utilities, government, and nonprofit organizations collaborate with WaterSense to advocate for water-efficient products, homes, and programs.

Veronica Blette, Chief of the WaterSense Branch, emphasized the critical role played by the 2023 award winners in the context of extreme weather impacts on water supplies and quality. She stated, "With extreme weather affecting water supplies and quality, saving this precious resource is more important than ever. The 2023 award winners helped Americans look to WaterSense and save not just water but also the energy required to heat and treat it, along with reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with energy use."

Since 2006, WaterSense-certified plumbing and irrigation products have collectively saved an impressive 7.5 trillion gallons of water, equivalent to the energy required to pump, treat, and heat water by 880 billion kilowatt-hours, resulting in savings of \$171 billion in water and energy bills. Moreover, these efforts have prevented 337 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, equivalent to planting 5.6 billion trees.

For more information about WaterSense, please visit [EPA.gov/WaterSense](https://www.epa.gov/WaterSense). To explore water conservation ideas promoted by Rancho Water, visit [RanchoWater.com/WUE](https://www.RanchoWater.com/WUE).

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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.*



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