Western/Corona Partnership Secures Greater Water Reliability for the Future

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – April 5, 2012 - A partnership between Western Municipal Water District and the city of Corona Department of Water and Power will successfully move water through the region, enhancing water reliability for customers. The project, known as the Arlington Desalter Interconnection, will provide drinking water that can flow from Western Municipal Water District to the city of Corona and vice versa.

“Forming interagency partnerships throughout the region is key to successfully managing our water supply,” said Western’s Deputy General Manager Jeff Sims. “This project ensures that we continue to responsibly manage local water resources throughout the county to reduce reliance on imported water.”

The project will serve as an additional water source during periods of drought and for future needs. Construction will consist of interconnecting pipes from Western water infrastructure to the city of Corona’s. The 30-inch diameter pipes will be located on Promenade Avenue, east of McKinley Street, in Corona. When the interconnection is complete, Western will have the capability of furnishing high-quality drinking water to Corona from Western’s Arlington Desalter and the Chino Desalters, which are part of a regional agencies collaborative project. The interconnection will clean up groundwater and expand local water supplies.

Corona Department of Water & Power’s GM Jonathan Daly echoed Western’s sentiments, “Our collaboration helps all of our customers and that’s our priority – providing safe, reliable drinking water each and every day. This interconnection gives our agencies greater water reliability.”

The project was recently approved for construction by the Corona City Council and will be completed toward the end of 2012; the cost of this water resource management project is roughly $850,000. The city of Corona will be using $400,000 in Prop. 84 funds (also known as the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act) for construction costs. The remaining amount will be split between Western and Corona. The contractor, who was awarded the project by the city of Corona, was Hemet Manufacturing Co., Inc.

Western Municipal Water District provides water supply, wastewater disposal and water resource management to the public in a safe, reliable, environmentally sensitive and financially responsible manner.