Creative Water Program to Generate Enough Water for 500 Customers Annually

Using the right source of water for the right use is essential during drought

Riverside, Calif. – A creative and quick switch to using recycled water at construction sites will free up enough drinking water this year to provide for 500 customers in Western Municipal Water District’s service area. The switch comes in the midst of one of the most severe droughts in the history of California.

“Western is committed to providing water to businesses in our growing region, and using recycled water for parts of these projects is the right source for the right use,” said Western’s General Manager John Rossi. “We continue to look for innovative ways to make the most out of our water supply.”

By using recycled water for soil conditioning and dust control at construction sites starting in July, Western has already saved more than 850,000 gallons of water in in the first month and more than 1.6 million gallons in August.

On average, Western supplies approximately 10 construction sites with recycled water to use on projects. Switching over to recycled water at construction sites is one of Western’s new measures to comply with the new state water conservation requirements, which went into effect in July.

“The drought has really given us an opportunity to push even harder within our business practices to ensure that we’re making the most of this precious resource,” added Rossi. “We continue our steadfast dedication to secure a reliable water supply for our customers.”

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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.