Western Works to Restore Local Water in Murrieta

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Western has been working to restore a local water source for its Murrieta Division customers. The project, which began in late May, is aimed at returning the New Clay Well to service so that customers can benefit from lower-cost local water instead of purchasing more costly imported water from the Metropolitan Water District.

During the testing process, water produced by the well is flushed to Murrieta Creek under a permit received from the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board and is subject to strict regulatory constraints to ensure that it’s not a danger to the habitat around the creek. Other analytical tests are also conducted to evaluate water quality under different flow conditions.

Roughly one-third of all water in Western’s Murrieta service area comes from local wells. Should the New Clay Well be able to be put back into service, approximately half of Murrieta service area water demands will be met with local supply. Western regularly maintains wells to ensure that the water customers receive meets all drinking water quality standards.

Western’s New Clay Well has not been in use since 2007. Flushing and testing the water quality of the New Clay Well is necessary to evaluate if the well can be put back into service. Once the water quality is confirmed to meet all drinking water quality standards, Western staff will continue to work with contractors and regulatory agencies to return the well to service.

All of Western’s water undergoes rigorous and routine daily, monthly and annual testing to ensure that the District’s delivering high-quality, safe drinking water to customers. The District’s 2012 Consumer Confidence Report will be issued by June 30, detailing the quality of all water provided by the District; the current report is available at wmwd.com.

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.

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