Ready, Set, Race: Western Provides Water for Murrieta Community Event While Cleaning Pipelines

MURRIETA, Calif. – Ready, set, race! This Saturday hundreds of participants will run the streets of Historic Downtown Murrieta for the city’s annual Murrieta Mud Run, which benefits a local charity. The course contains muddy tracks and mud pits, but where does the water used to create the mud come from? Western Municipal Water District.

“Supporting the communities we serve is a part of our mission as a public agency,” explained Western Board Member Brenda Dennstedt, who represents Southwest Riverside County in Division 3. Water that would otherwise be released into the environment while performing the District’s annual pipeline flushing will pull double duty this year and be used to make mud.

Western flushes water lines in service area cul-de-sacs on a regular basis as part of mandated standards from the California Department of Public Health. Flushing water lines eliminates sediment and minerals that settle in the pipes while maintaining high-quality drinking water for customers.

To get the water, Western has been working closely with the Murrieta Mud Run organizers who will bring their own water truck to designated locations and fill the truck up with water from the pipes. Western will monitor the transactions from hydrant to truck. Western’s water will then be added to dirt along the Murrieta Mud Run track to create a muddy 5K run/walk obstacle course with multiple mud pits. The run benefits Riverside Recovery Resources, a non-profit dedicated to providing drug and alcohol recovery services to individuals and their families.

“Combining water and dirt creates not only a healthy and competitive day for Murrieta residents, it also gives our community the opportunity to come together,” added Dennstedt, also longtime Murrieta resident. “Devising an inventive solution to provide the water for the event and clean our system is creative and, as the commercial says, priceless.”

Visit murrieta-mudrun.com for more information on the event or follow updates from our Facebook and Twitter pages this Saturday!