Western’s Water Put to Good Use at Murrieta Mud Run

MURRIETA, Calif. – Yes, that’s right, maintaining Western’s water pipelines and making a muddy obstacle course went together once again this last weekend at the Murrieta Mud Run, where hundreds of participants ran the streets of historic Downtown Murrieta to benefit charity. Western Municipal Water District supplied water flushed through water lines in the District’s Murrieta service area to make the mud for the event.

“We seek out opportunities to help the communities we serve; strategically providing water used for system maintenance for the mud run is a good example,” explained Western Board Member Brenda Dennstedt, who represents Southwest Riverside County in Division 3. “The water used by Western to improve water quality in Murrieta would otherwise flow into storm drains and out to the ocean, but instead, we can donate it to a worthwhile community event,” she added.

Western flushes water pipelines 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 worked closely with the mud run organizers who brought their own water truck to designated locations. Western field personnel monitored the transactions from hydrant to truck; the water was then added to dirt along the track to create a muddy 5K run/walk obstacle course with multiple mud pits. The run benefitted the PLUS Program, a non-profit anti-bullying charity that works with schools across the country, including every school in Murrieta.

Western team members provided interactive water-related kid’s activities at the District’s event booth.

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