



Moulton Niguel Water District Expands Use of Recycled Water

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LAGUNA NIGUEL, Calif. (January 21, 2010) – A number of local greenbelts, parks and golf courses once irrigated with domestic drinking water will soon be irrigated using recycled water, as a result of the Moulton Niguel Water District’s efforts to expand the use of recycled water throughout its service area. A series of partnerships with large users and an extension of the District’s recycled water pipeline system will save 78 million gallons of domestic water each year.

MNWD recently broke ground to extend its recycled water pipelines in Laguna Niguel to irrigate landscaped slopes along Niguel Road near Clubhouse Drive and Rancho Niguel Road near Los Morros. In Mission Viejo, MNWD partnered with city staff to help convert irrigation of Coronado and La Mancha parks to recycled water. Together, these moves will save approximately 26 million gallons of domestic water each year.

“Every drop of recycled water used for irrigation saves a drop of domestic water for other uses,” said MNWD General Manager Robert Gumerman, “and that is critically important as we look to meet our customers’ needs during this statewide water shortage and beyond.”

The District also recently worked with the Aliso Viejo, El Niguel and Mission Viejo country clubs to convert irrigation of putting greens from domestic water to recycled water. All three courses have used recycled water on their fairways and other landscaped areas since the 1980s, and expanding recycled water to the greens will save approximately 52 million gallons of domestic water each year.

“All of the large users we serve, including local cities, golf courses and HOAs, have been valuable partners as we work together to maximize our water resources. Their efforts to expand the use of recycled water are a key step in ensuring a reliable water supply for our region,” Gumerman said.

About Recycled Water

MNWD produces approximately 2.5 billion gallons of recycled water each year at the regional treatment facility, where water that runs down shower, sink and toilet drains is treated to strict federal and state standards for irrigation purposes. Recycled water currently accounts for 22.1 percent of the District’s supply, reducing the need to purchase water imported from less reliable sources in Northern California and from the Colorado River. It is used to irrigate landscapes, including parks, schools, golf courses, streetscapes

and open space managed by many local community associations. Recycled water is not available for use by individual homeowners.

About MNWD

The Moulton Niguel Water District was formed in 1960 and has grown to serve the water and wastewater needs of more than 167,000 people living in Aliso Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Hills, Mission Viejo and Dana Point. For more information, please visit www.MNWD.com.

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