



OMWD Begins the New Year by Connecting a Local Neighborhood to Recycled Water

Encinitas, CA—Olivenhain Municipal Water District has connected the newly developing Santa Fe Heights neighborhood to its recycled water system, supplying the community with locally produced recycled water.

“We are excited to see another neighborhood begin using recycled water for irrigation,” said OMWD Board Secretary Ed Sprague. “Using recycled water is key for long-term sustainability of our water supply.”

The Santa Fe Heights neighborhood is expected to offset future potable water demand with recycled water by over 325,000 gallons per year. The recycled water will primarily be used to irrigate over 26,000 square feet of bioretention basins and vegetative swales that serve to control stormwater runoff.

Santa Fe Heights is located south of the Crosby Estates and west of the Del Sur communities of San Diego. The recycled water used in Santa Fe Heights is a product of OMWD’s 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility and OMWD’s partnership with neighboring agencies.

OMWD produces up to two million gallons of recycled water daily at its 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility. Additionally, recycled water is also provided in the 4S Ranch area through OMWD’s partnership with the City of San Diego and Rancho Santa Fe Community Services District. In total, OMWD pursues a sustainable and renewable approach to its water portfolio by meeting approximately 14 percent of its demands with recycled water.

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Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a public agency providing water, wastewater services, recycled water, hydroelectricity, and operation of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. Organized in 1959, OMWD currently serves approximately 86,000 customers over 48 square miles in northern San Diego County.

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