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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

\$1M REBATE FROM SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY TO HELP OFFSET COSTS FOR SWEETWATER AUTHORITY CUSTOMERS

Chula Vista, CA - Sweetwater Authority (Authority) received a rebate of \$1,070,931 from the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA). The money from SDCWA comes as a portion of \$35.9 million in rebate funds the regional wholesaler recently distributed to its 24-member agencies.

The Authority's portion is based on water purchases from SDCWA from 2015 through 2017. The funds being returned to the Authority were initially collected from customers and then used to pay for water purchases.

"I would like to commend SDCWA for advocating for rate payers in our region," said Board Chair, Hector Martinez. "Their efforts have resulted in refunding revenues that were already paid by Authority customers. We look forward to continually working with SDCWA to provide safe and reliable water to our customers."

The majority of other San Diego County water agencies have indicated a similar use of the returned overcharges. The Board will act at its December meeting on where to allocate these funds in the Authority's budget.

Sweetwater Authority is a public water agency providing safe, reliable water to National City, Chula Vista and Bonita.

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