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### **City of South El Monte to Receive Sustainable Low Cost Recycled Water**

San Gabriel Valley Water Company ("San Gabriel") is excited to announce a new source of water for the City of South El Monte that will further improve the area's drought resiliency. The Project involves delivering millions of gallons of low cost, sustainable recycled water to 14 sites in the City of South El Monte. The 14 sites include the South El Monte Civic Center, County Library, Senior Center, Community Center, Mary Van Dyke Park, Dean Shively Middle School and adjacent park, New Temple Elementary School and adjacent park along with 5 other nearby sites.

The recycled water will irrigate turf and landscape areas that are currently using over 23 million gallons of precious drinking water - that's enough water to serve 145 homes each year. Delivery of recycled water supports the City of South El Monte and San Gabriel's efforts to identify and implement environmentally friendly programs for the benefit of residents and the greater community at a cost which is lower than the cost of drinking water.

San Gabriel partnered with Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District to receive a \$1.2 million grant from the State Water Resources Control Board to reduce a portion of the cost of engineering and installing the recycled water distribution system. In addition, San Gabriel is providing financial assistance to eligible customers to reduce a portion of the total cost to convert their onsite irrigation systems.

"Being able to use recycled water for irrigation purposes allows us to lessen the demand for groundwater supplies or imported water," said South El Monte Mayor, Gloria Olmos. "The need for creative solutions and uses for recycled water for irrigation purposes is crucial for meeting future demand for potable water. This project is a step in the right direction."

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