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WRD Receives Reimbursement for Construction of Maywood Mutual Water Co. #2 Wellhead Treatment Facility

Lakewood, CA (February 9, 2021) – The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has provided a reimbursement to the Water Replenishment District (WRD) for \$1.59 million. Funding is for the construction of a wellhead treatment facility for Maywood Mutual Water Company No. 2.

In total, this project has been awarded nearly \$3 million in grant funding. In 2015 WRD was awarded a planning grant for \$224,000 to plan and design the treatment plant. WRD was awarded \$2.486 million in 2017 to build the treatment facility. The plant is nearly complete and expected to begin operations this Spring.

The construction of the wellhead treatment facility is part of WRD’s Safe Drinking Water Program for Disadvantaged Communities (DAC). This program helps small water systems access funding to improve water quality and supply. Specifically, WRD works with small water operators to apply for funding, design projects and construct treatment systems. Through its DAC program, WRD has helped water providers secure nearly \$14.5 million in grants.

“The goal of the Disadvantaged Communities program is to ensure small water operators can provide their customers an uninterrupted supply of high-quality water,” said WRD Board Director Sergio Calderon. “This program is one of WRD’s top priorities and we are pleased to see that our investment is making a positive difference in the community.” Director Calderon represents WRD Division 2, which encompasses the City of Maywood.

“Too often water operators are unable to apply for state funding because a specialized skillset is needed to be a successful applicant,” said WRD Board President John Allen. “We are proud to partner with Maywood Mutual Water Company No. 2 and look forward to bringing the treatment facility online this Spring.”

The Water Replenishment District (WRD) has been managing and protecting groundwater resources for 60 years. WRD manages two of the most utilized groundwater basins which provide half of the drinking water for over 4 million residents in 43 cities of southern Los Angeles County. Through WRD’s Water Independence Now (WIN) Program, the District has developed a resilient and locally sustainable source of water for groundwater replenishment.