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Assemblymember John Pérez Kicks Off Water Replenishment District's Groundwater 101 Forums

WRD Hosts Groundwater Education Forum to Highlight South Los Angeles County Water Challenges

LAKESWOOD, Calif. – Community members and local leaders packed East Los Angeles' historic Tamayo's restaurant for the first, in a series of five, Groundwater 101 Forums, designed by the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) to educate community members on California's water challenges and to learn about water conservation measures in their communities.

Assemblymember John Pérez, member of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee, and WRD Board Director Sergio Calderon kicked off the event by highlighting the state's unprecedented challenges to supply water to the region and ways WRD is working to address these challenges.

Director Calderon highlighted WRD's Water Independence Now (WIN) Program. WIN is a suite of projects that will allow southern Los Angeles County to eliminate the need to purchase expensive imported water from eco-sensitive areas in Northern California and the Colorado River. The program uses various sources of water for groundwater replenishment efforts that include storm water, recycled water and local source water.

"Today's Groundwater 101 Forum is another outreach effort by WRD to engage our community in water education and water conservation measures," stated Sergio Calderon, WRD Board Director. "For close to 50 years, WRD has been at the forefront in groundwater management in the region, WRD works hard to find regional solutions that are a 'WIN' for everyone," concluded Calderon.

For more information about the District's Water Independence Now (WIN) Program or for future Groundwater 101 Forums please visit www.wrd.org.

Editor's Note: Photographs of the event are available upon request.

Created by voters in 1959, WRD is a regional groundwater management agency that protects and preserves the quantity and quality of groundwater supplies for 10 percent of the State's population residing in southern Los Angeles County.

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