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WRD’s 3rd Annual Careers in Water Workshop Makes Waves in Workforce Development
Preparing Students for a Brighter Future

Lakewood, CA – March 6, 2026 – The Water Replenishment District (WRD) invites college students and other potential water industry professionals to its 3rd annual Careers in the Water Industry Workshop, where attendees will learn directly from industry professionals about their respective fields and career paths. The workshop will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at WRD’s Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling & Environmental Learning. The full-day workshop includes a career panel, resume review, mock interviews, facility tour, and more.

This free event is intended to give students and individuals looking to change careers valuable insight into the water industry, its career pathways, and the skills required to succeed as a water professional. These careers offer opportunities for both middle-skilled workers and those with advanced education, showing that people from diverse educational backgrounds can thrive in water-related fields. Each year, the workshop has helped attendees build meaningful professional connections and gain firsthand knowledge from potential future employers.

“The Careers in the Water Industry Workshop reflects WRD’s commitment to developing the next generation of water professionals,” said WRD Board President Sergio Calderon. “By providing direct access to industry leaders and hands-on career preparation, we are helping build a knowledgeable, skilled workforce essential to the future of water sustainability.”

The event is also attended by numerous employers, including local water agencies and engineering firms, to boost networking opportunities and accessibility for students. As the water industry faces widespread retirements and a growing number of unfilled positions, the need for new talent has never been greater. Over 100 students have attended the past two workshops, many of whom have gone to pursue successful careers in the water industry.

“The workshop is the foundation that helped me advance my career by creating meaningful connections and diving into the world of water,” stated San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Project Resource Specialist Pearl Escobar. “Attending as a student sparked my professional career, molding me into who I am today.” She will participate in this year’s event as a panelist, emphasizing the ways in which such events can facilitate career development.

Students are encouraged to dress professionally and bring copies of their resumes. The event will be at the Albert Robles Center, 4320 San Gabriel River Pkwy, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 from 9am to 3pm on Saturday, March 14, 2026. To learn more about the workshop, please visit: www.wrd.org/careers-workshop

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California is the regional groundwater management agency that protects and preserves the quantity and quality of groundwater for two of the most utilized urban basins in the State of California. The service area is home to over ten percent of California's population residing in 43 cities in southern Los Angeles County. WRD is governed by a publicly elected Board of Directors which includes Joy Langford., Rob Katherman, John D. S. Allen, Sergio Calderon, and Vera Robles-DeWitt.