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WRD ARC Shortlisted for the 2021 Global Water Awards Project of the Year

Lakewood, CA (May 4, 2021) – The Water Replenishment District’s (WRD) Albert Robles Center has been selected as a finalist for the Global Water Intelligence (GWI) Global Water Awards Project of the Year. ARC is in the running alongside international water projects from Atlanta, France, and China.

Global Water Intelligence is the leading publisher and events organizer serving the international water industry. Winners will be announced at the annual Global Water Summit later this month.

If selected, ARC will be recognized as “the water project that shows the greatest innovation in terms of optimizing its physical or environmental footprint.” The award would be WRD’s first international recognition.

“WRD is proud to be selected as a finalist for Global Water Intelligence’s Global Water Awards Project of the Year,” said WRD Board President John D. S. Allen. “ARC is the cornerstone of WRD’s decades long effort to build a sustainable water supply for the communities we serve. Its impact on this region cannot be overstated.”

The Albert Robles Center is WRD’s landmark facility that ensures a completely locally sustainable source of water for groundwater replenishment. This facility, opened in August of 2019, produces 14 million gallons a day of advanced treated water which is used to replenish groundwater resources in the Central and West Coast Groundwater Basins. Water from these basins provides 50% of the drinking water for the over 4-million residents who reside in southern Los Angeles County. The project also features a state-of-the-art learning center.

ARC is the cornerstone of WRD’s Water Independence Now (WIN) initiative which reduced the strain on imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River by developing local recycled water into a resilient and drought-proof supply of water for groundwater replenishment. With its completion, WRD can provide half of the drinking water for the over 4 million residents from its service area without using a drop of imported water.

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.