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## **Congresswoman Grace Napolitano Visits the Albert Robles Center**

**Pico Rivera (Jan. 22, 2020)** – Today, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano visited the Water Replenishment District’s landmark advanced water treatment facility, The Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning (ARC).

Congresswoman Napolitano was provided a tour of the facility, which treats 14 million gallons a day of recycled water that is then used for groundwater replenishment in WRD’s service area. She also visited ARC’s State-of-the-Art Water Learning Center which features over 45 interactive exhibits about the history of the region’s groundwater.

"The ARC is truly a product of years of innovation, collaboration, and funding across federal, state, and local levels," said Congresswoman Napolitano. "I am proud to have helped secure more than \$8.6 million to date for these vital water recycling projects, and I will continue to fight for additional federal support. With more water being recycled here in Southern California and less being pumped in from outside, we are reducing the use of imported water, keeping our water jobs local, and securing the drought-proof water supply our communities need. Congratulations to WRD on completing this outstanding new facility to address our region's current and future water challenges."

"The WRD Board of Directors is proud to host such a champion for water and environmental issues in California and the Nation," said WRD Board President Vera Robles DeWitt. "Congresswoman Napolitano has been a long-time advocate for water conservation, water recycling, and groundwater management. Her support for the ARC facility was vital in helping WRD complete this landmark facility."

The Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning is the cornerstone of WRD’s Water Independence Now (WIN) Program. WRD embarked on WIN to increase the sustainability and resilience of Southern Los Angeles County’s water supply, by expanding the use of recycled water to recharge the basin using a completely locally sustainable source of water for replenishment. With the completion of ARC, WRD has accomplished its goal of reducing the strain on imported water by utilizing local water for all of its replenishment needs.

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*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.*