



## MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT AWARDED \$10.5 MILLION FOR RECYCLED WATER PROJECT

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Marina, Calif.– The Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) has received a \$10,513,217 Proposition 1 (the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund) low-interest loan and grant for the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project (RUWAP), a recycled water transmission and distribution system. The RUWAP will serve both the MCWD Water Augmentation Program and Pure Water Monterey, as the two agencies combine their projects for the construction of one transmission pipeline spanning ten miles.

“This loan and grant award is another step forward in our commitment to provide new water supply sources for customers and for the region,” said Keith Van Der Maaten, General Manager of MCWD. “We are constantly evaluating and developing new ways to preserve and protect our water supply, to develop new sources for the future and emerge as a leader in collaboration and problem solving in the region.”

MCWD already completed the engineering and design for RUWAP and started construction on several sections of the transmission pipeline since the project was first approved in 2006 and the EIR was updated and recertified in 2015. Along with building the pipeline, MCWD has approved plans to construct a storage reservoir – The Blackhorse Recycled Water Reservoir – and distribution pipes to deliver advanced treated water to existing and planned urban irrigation facilities.

The major phase of construction will now begin, and MCWD has awarded a contract to Mountain Cascade, Inc. in the amount of \$22,648,480 to build the RUWAP pipeline and the Blackhorse Recycled Water Reservoir. Throughout the construction process, Mountain Cascade and MCWD will keep the community informed on progress and potential traffic impacts with neighborhood door hangers and posted construction alerts on a new website under development for the community, [ruwap.info](http://ruwap.info)

The goal of the RUWAP Recycled Water Project is to provide 1,427 acre feet per year of water from sources other than groundwater within the District and up to 3,700 acre feet of Pure Water to the Monterey Peninsula. The pipeline will initially deliver 600 acre feet of advanced treated water to MCWD customers in Marina and the Ord Community. The advanced treated water will be suitable for direct injection into the Seaside Groundwater Basin for indirect potable reuse. This water will be of higher quality than tertiary treated and disinfected recycled water, and may be used for urban landscape irrigation reducing the District’s reliance on groundwater.

### About the Marina Coast Water District

The Marina Coast Water District serves more than 30,000 customers in the Monterey Peninsula’s fastest growing and most diverse communities – the City of Marina and the Ord Community. They are dedicated to providing high quality water, wastewater and recycled water services through management, conservation and development of future resources at reasonable costs. For more information please visit [www.mcwd.org](http://www.mcwd.org).