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SAN ELIJO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES WATEREUSE CALIFORNIA AWARD

Cardiff-by-the-Sea, March 17, 2016: The San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) is pleased to announce being awarded the Recycled Water Agency of the Year – Medium Size, from WaterReuse California.

This award recognizes the SEJPA for its demonstrated leadership, creativity, and persistence in developing recycled water as a valuable local water supply. SEJPA is a small wastewater/recycled water agency located in the community of Cardiff by the Sea. San Elijo reflects the values of the communities it serves through its commitment to safeguarding the environment, investment in sustainable practices, and in protecting public health. The agency serves the coastal cities of Del Mar, Solana Beach, and Encinitas and can produce 3 million gallons per day of recycled water.



The San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility utilizes micro-filtration and reverse osmosis as part of the treatment process.

San Elijo wholesales recycled water to four local water purveyors: San Dieguito Water District, Santa Fe Irrigation District, Olivenhain Municipal Water District, and the City of Del Mar. This collaborative approach contributes greatly to the program's success that serves more than 400 hundred million gallons per year of recycled water. General Manager, Michael Thornton stated "The success of our recycled water program is built on the foundation of collaboration with our water district partners. Working together, we have created an award winning program."

Board Chair Catherine Blakespear reports, "In the City of Encinitas, we help keep the grass green at schools, parks, and playing fields with this locally produced, renewable, water supply."



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Ecke YMCA uses recycled water for turf and landscape irrigation as part of their sustainable business practices.

The SEJPA is currently working with San Dieguito Water District, Santa Fe Irrigation District, Olivenhain Municipal Water District, and the City of Del Mar to continue expanding recycled water use within north coastal San Diego county.

Background:

WateReuse is internationally-recognized as a thought-leader on alternative water supply development. It is the go-to organization for applied research, policy guidance and educational tools on water reuse as well as the principal influencer of public opinion, lawmakers and policymakers on policy and projects related to water reuse. Since its founding in 1990, WateReuse has advocated for policies, laws and funding at the state and federal level to increase the practice of recycling water.

The San Elajo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) protects the environment and public health by treating and recycling wastewater from the coastal cities of Del Mar, Encinitas, Solana Beach, and portions of Rancho Santa Fe. SEJPA oversees the San Elajo Water Reclamation Facility located in Cardiff by the Sea. The agency produces recycled water, which is used beneficially for the industrial uses and for the irrigation at parks, athletic fields, schools, businesses, and street landscaping.

For more information about the SEJPA and its water quality improvement projects, please contact Michael T. Thornton at thornton@sejpa.org.