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MONTE VISTA WATER DISTRICT AWARDS \$60,000 IN PUBLIC SECTOR ASSISTANCE GRANTS

MONTCLAIR, CA Monte Vista Water District has awarded \$60,000 in grants to Ontario-Montclair School District and Chaffey Joint Union High School District for water use efficiency upgrades. The awards will assist schools in the MVWD service area to replace hundreds of school bathroom fixtures with more water-efficient models and to irrigate school landscaping with recycled water rather than drinking water. These projects are estimated to save nearly 3.5 million gallons a year.

“We are very excited to work with our fellow public agencies on these water-saving projects,” said Board of Directors President Sandra Rose. “Together we are meeting the challenge of using the public’s resources as efficiently as possible.”

Rose presented ceremonial checks to the Chaffey Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees on September 15 and to the Ontario-Montclair School District on October 15.

Ontario-Montclair School District was awarded \$34,064 to replace more than 300 toilets and 100 urinals and faucet aerators with low water use technologies. Replacement of these devices will save more than 40 million gallons over the life of the devices – enough water to serve 250 homes annually.

“The OMSD Board of Trustees is proud to partner with the Monte Vista Water District in efforts to conserve water. We are very grateful for this generous grant which will help provide replacement

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toilets, urinals, and aerators resulting in water savings,” stated OMSD Board President Maureen “Moe” Mendoza.

Chaffey Joint Union High School District was awarded \$25,936 to help expand Montclair High School’s existing recycled water system from its sports fields to the school’s frontage landscaping. This project will increase the use of a renewable, local, drought-proof water supply in place of drinking water for outdoor irrigation.

“The Chaffey Joint Union High School District is pleased to be a recipient of this important grant from Monte Vista Water District,” said CJUHD Superintendent Mathew Holton. “The grant assists in the District’s initiative to continue to support water conservation projects at all school sites.”

The Public Sector Assistance Program is part of MVWD’s enhanced conservation efforts in response to the statewide drought and state-mandated water use reduction requirements. In May, the district’s board of directors declared a Significant Water Supply Shortage and authorized an increase of \$250,000 in conservation program expenditures. In June, the district issued a call for projects to local cities and school districts and offered to pay up to half of qualifying project costs after discounting available incentives. Both approved projects are expected to qualify for an estimated \$85,000 in rebates from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

In addition to public sector assistance, MVWD is offering enhanced residential rebates of \$200 for high efficiency toilets and self-adjusting irrigation controllers. To apply for these and other rebates, visit www.socalwatersmart.com.

To learn more about these and other MVWD water conservation activities, visit www.mvwd.org or call (909) 267-2130.