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MVWD AWARDED GRANT FOR WATER TREATMENT PROJECT

MONTCLAIR, CALIF. (June 16, 2020) – Monte Vista Water District has been awarded a \$3.4 million grant from the Department of Water Resources that will partially fund a treatment project necessary to meet stricter water quality regulations. The grant provides approximately 25% of the cost for the Plant 30 Wellhead Treatment Project, which is slated to begin summer 2020.

The funding is made possible by Proposition 1, the \$7.5 billion water bond approved by California voters in 2014. The district collaborated with the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority on accessing a portion of the \$51 million of Proposition 1 grant funding allocated to the region for integrated water management projects. The lengthy, highly competitive application process required a detailed written application, project presentations, and panel interviews.

MVWD's Plant 30 Wellhead Treatment Project will add granular-activated carbon (GAC) and ion exchange technology to the water treatment process in order to meet stricter regulations implemented by the State's Division of Drinking Water. The project will include the installation of 12 GAC vessels, each approximately 10' in diameter and 18' tall, as well as four slightly larger ion exchange vessels.

"Monte Vista Water District is committed to providing high quality drinking water," said President of the Board of Directors Sandra Rose. "When stricter regulations were recently passed, the district immediately began planning for necessary changes to its treatment process in order to meet those higher water quality standards."

While most of the construction will occur on MVWD's property, pipelines will also be installed on Benson Avenue between Palo Verde Street and Orchard Street. This will carry water from two other well sites to be treated at this facility. MVWD staff is working closely with the cities of Montclair and Ontario as well as the Ontario-Montclair School District to coordinate construction and reduce impacts to residents and nearby schools.

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Construction is anticipated to begin this summer and take 12 months to complete. The Plant 30 Wellhead Treatment Project is the largest infrastructure project the district has undertaken in its 93-year history.

Monte Vista Water District, formed in 1927, provides retail and wholesale water supply services to a population of about 140,000 in the communities of Montclair, Chino Hills, and portions of Chino.

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