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### **Otay Water District Activates Pumps at Massive Station**

*Chula Vista Welcomes Critical Infrastructure Project*

Spring Valley, CA. – The Otay Water District’s (OWD) Board of Directors hosted a dedication ceremony yesterday for the recently completed 980-2 pump station in Chula Vista. The 980-2, or Eastlake Greens, pump station will pump up to 36 million gallons of water per day (mgd), making it the district’s largest pump station. It is part of a capital improvement strategy at OWD to provide a reliable supply of potable drinking water for the citizens of eastern Chula Vista.

More than 100 people, including representatives from neighboring water districts, local chambers of commerce and elected officials attended the event that featured a ceremonial “Energizing the Pumps”. During the ceremony, Jaime Bonilla, President of OWD’s Board of Directors, praised the project.

“The 980-2 pump station is a notable addition to our water delivery infrastructure and this dedication ceremony is an exciting way to continue our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration,” said Board President Bonilla. “This is just one more example of the district setting standards of excellence in public service.”

The station, which at full power could fill a swimming pool in one minute, will convey water to the system via a 30-inch pipeline to two five million gallon reservoirs located near the Salt Creek Golf Course. For the past few years the district has been working with staff from the city of Chula Vista and the EastLake Company to ensure the pump station’s design would be an enhancement to the surrounding community.

“I never cease to be amazed at what can be achieved with the resources we have here in Chula Vista,” said Chula Vista Councilmember Steve Castaneda, who presented OWD with a proclamation from the City. “The project serves as a shining example of what we can accomplish when local government joins forces with the business community and water districts to provide our citizens with a safe and reliable water supply.”

The noise attenuation features two 1500 lbs soundproof doors. The district also worked closely with the city to ensure that noise produced by the facility would not affect nearby housing. This also included the construction of a permanent sound wall and orienting the building to make certain that any sound generated at the station would be directed away from neighboring homes.

The pump station will serve the equivalent of 17,500 homes and have a 2,000-kilowatt generator that will operate if power on the commercial power grid is unavailable. It is located in what is known as the 980-pressure zone (980 refers to the elevation above sea level). In the past five years, the “980 zone” has been the fastest growing area in the district; averaging more than 20% growth per year.

The Otay Water District was founded in 1956 to serve as a public water utility. The District distributes water to more than 186,000 ratepayers within approximately 125 square miles of southeastern San Diego County, including the communities of Jamul, La Presa, Rancho San Diego, Spring Valley, eastern Chula Vista, Otay Mesa and unincorporated communities adjacent to southern El Cajon and La Mesa. For more information on the Otay Water District, visit the agency Web site, [www.otaywater.gov](http://www.otaywater.gov).

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