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CITY OF CORONA TURNS ON THE TAP WITH RECYCLED WATER

CORONA, Calif. - Corona’s Mayor Pro Tem Eugene Montanez and Assistant City Manager/General Manager Brad Robbins from the Department of Water and Power officially turned the recycled water on this morning at Mountain Gate Park. This kickoff event signifies the completion of 27 miles of recycled water pipelines, three storage reservoirs and three pump stations that will be supplying water to more customers throughout the city by this summer.

Recycled water is produced at Corona’s three wastewater treatment plants and will produce approximately six million gallons of recycled water every day. This water will be irrigating golf courses, local parks and schools, landscape maintenance districts, and freeway landscaping.

“A locally produced water supply helps to build and maintain a strong economy and lowers our dependence on imported water,” said Mayor Pro Tem Eugene Montanez. “This project is not only a wise use of our water resources; it will benefit the community by providing a drought-proof supply of water that is locally produced.”

Recycled water customers will pay less than potable (drinking water) rates for the water. In addition, recycled water is available even in years of drought to irrigate local golf courses, schools and parks.

“This new water supply not only conserves our potable water - it costs less for its users,” said Department of Water Power General Manager Brad Robbins. “Using recycled water is a win-win proposition for local golf courses, homeowner’s associations, schools and parks.”

Recycled water is produced at Corona’s three wastewater treatment plants. It goes through a rigorous treatment process that must meet Department of Health Services and other regulatory requirements. To protect the public’s health and safety, recycled water use is strictly monitored and regulated. A completely separate system of pipelines has been installed to convey recycled water. These pipelines are colored purple to distinguish them from drinking water systems. There will also be signage at all places that use recycled water.

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Recycled water is used throughout California and other regions of the United States. There are over 150 communities that use recycled water in California. Recycled water can be used for landscape irrigation, agricultural and groundwater basins.

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