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## **Public to Receive Free Water Saving Toilets at Rio Hondo College** *Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD and Central Basin MWD to Host a Free High Efficiency Toilet Distribution on August 12th*

**WHAT:** Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD, Central Basin MWD and Rio Hondo College have partnered to host a **High-Efficiency Toilet (HET) distribution event**.

Starting at 8am, the HETs will be distributed to qualifying participants. The program will help drought-proof our region— increasing water conservation and improving our water supply reliability. HETs include the newest water-saving technology, using only 1.3 gallons per flush or less, compared to older models that may use up to 7 gallons per flush.

Residents living in either District, an estimated 3 million people, may qualify for this opportunity to conserve water while upgrading their bathrooms (*see list of qualifying cities on page 2*). Supplies are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Qualified participants are required to show their photo I.D. and a recent water bill. Distributed HETs must be installed at a residential address within the either District's territory. There is a maximum of two HETs per household. Residents who have received two toilets through any prior exchange program are not eligible to participate again.

For their support with the operation and marketing of the program, the Rio Hondo College Foundation will earn funding that helps support student scholarships and athletic programs at the college.

**WHEN:** **Saturday, August 12, 2006**  
Starting at 8:00am  
*Supplies are limited (first-come, first-served).*

**WHERE:** **Rio Hondo College**  
3600 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90601

**PHOTO OPS:** Beginning in the early morning hours, hundreds of residents will begin lining up at Rio Hondo College for free, water efficient toilets. The event will be an opportunity to take photos of families working with their local water agencies and Rio Hondo College students to conserve water. In addition to the HET distribution, residents will have the chance to learn about water conservation at various information and display booths, as well as talk to local elected officials and community leaders about key water issues.

**WHO:** Residents living in the following cities may qualify to receive up to two free HETs:

**Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD**

Arcadia	Rosemead
Baldwin Park	San Gabriel
Bassett	South El Monte
Bradbury	South Pasadena
Duarte	South San Gabriel
El Monte	Temple City
Irwindale	Valinda
Monrovia	

*Residents living in the communities listed below must contact the Upper District at (626) 443-2297 to confirm eligibility.*

Azusa	Hacienda Heights
City of Industry	La Puente
Covina	West Covina
Glendora	Whittier

**Central Basin MWD**

Artesia	Lynwood
Bell	Maywood
Bellflower	Montebello
Bell Gardens	Norwalk
Cerritos	Paramount
Commerce	Pico Rivera
Downey	Santa Fe Springs
Hawaiian Gardens	Signal Hill
Huntington Park	South Gate
La Habra Heights	Vernon
Lakewood	Walnut Park
La Mirada	Whittier

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***About Upper District:** The Upper District provides wholesale water service to 17 cities in the San Gabriel Valley. Nearly 1 million people live and work in the Upper District's 144 square mile service area. In 2005, the Upper District delivered more than 45,000 acre feet (approximately 15 billion gallons) of treated, untreated and recycled water for municipal, industrial and irrigation uses in the San Gabriel Valley. For more information, please visit [www.usgvmwd.org](http://www.usgvmwd.org).*

***About Central Basin:** Central Basin is a public agency that wholesales imported water to cities, mutual water companies, investor-owned utilities and private companies in southeast Los Angeles County, serving a population of more than 2 million. In addition, Central Basin provides the region with recycled water for municipal, commercial and industrial uses. Formed in 1952, Central Basin is committed to ensuring a safe and reliable water supply for the region. For more information, please visit [www.centralbasin.org](http://www.centralbasin.org).*

***About Rio Hondo College:** Located in Whittier, Rio Hondo is a collaborative center of lifelong learning which provides innovative, challenging, and quality educational offering - including programs and courses leading to transfer and vocational degrees and certificates - for its diverse students and community. For information on the College or its programs, please call 562-692-0921 or visit [www.riohondo.edu](http://www.riohondo.edu).*