



## Central Basin Municipal Water District

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### **Central Basin MWD Quenches Pico Rivera's Thirst *Water Quality Protection Project Begins Providing Drinking Water to Local City***

**Carson, CA** – Central Basin Municipal Water District began delivering drinking water for residents of Pico Rivera last week through the Water Quality Protection Project (WQPP).

The WQPP is a \$10 million project, federally funded through the United States Bureau of Reclamation, constructed to prevent a contaminant plume in San Gabriel Valley from spreading into the local groundwater supply. For more than a year, Central Basin has been treating this groundwater at the WQPP treatment plant in Whittier, testing it and releasing it into the San Gabriel River.

Central Basin received its drinking water permit from the California Department of Health Services in November and began providing water to Santa Fe Springs and Whittier. The treated water is also now available to Pico Rivera, which will use approximately 1.5 billion gallons annually.

“Water is such a precious resource in Southern California that it’s important for us to utilize all our available resources,” said Central Basin Board President Bob Apodaca. “The Water Quality Protection Project protects our valuable groundwater supply so we can continue providing a safe and reliable supply of water to the region now and in the future.”

*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 1.5 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.*