

WRCRWA Issues a Statement on the Unanimous Approval to Allow Implementation of Various Odor Prevention Measures

Aug. 3, 2015, Corona, CA – On July 28, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Hearing Board unanimously approved an Order of Abatement for the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority (Authority). The Order outlines actions the Authority will take at its wastewater treatment facility within specific timelines to implement various odor prevention measures. The facility, located in Corona, serves roughly 150,000 customers in the region.

Member and contributing agencies are the cities of Corona and Norco, Jurupa Community Services District, Home Gardens Sanitary District and Western Municipal Water District.

Near term odor prevention measures will be implemented over the next two to three months to provide interim odor control while permanent measures are being built as part of a planned plant expansion and upgrade. The Authority will operate the near term measures while construction of the \$72.6 million expansion and upgrade is completed, which is scheduled for the spring of 2017.

The facility is an essential part of the infrastructure in the region, providing a critical public service of treating wastewater for the community. Through the expansion, the facility will also be able to produce recycled water to be used for irrigation at local parks, plant nurseries and other similar uses. Reusing water is important – especially within our drought-challenged region and state – as it reduces our dependence on imported water that travels from hundreds of miles away.

The Authority’s Board of Director Chairman, S.R. “Al” Lopez, who attended the Hearing, stated, “We are extremely pleased to have worked out our mutual environmental concerns with residents near the facility and SCAQMD, as we move forward with expansion and upgrade of the treatment plant to meet the current and future needs of our customers who benefit from its essential service.”

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Authority Mission: *The Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority is a public agency created to plan, construct and operate a cost-effective regional wastewater reclamation, treatment and collection system. The agencies that comprise the authority pledge to achieve this mission in a cooperative and coordinated manner to assure full environmental protection and successive beneficial use of the region’s wastewater resources.*