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Water Replenishment District Joins in BuFest “Totally Green” Music Festival

LAKESWOOD, Calif. –The Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) is invited to participate in this weekend's BuFest Music Festival and green education event.

With more than 20,000 eco-conscious participants expected to attend, WRD will be on hand to present the public with vital information concerning its water conservation and water reuse efforts through the agency's Water Independence Now (WIN) Program.

The WIN Program is a suite of projects that will allow southern Los Angeles County to be independent of having to purchase expensive imported water from the environmentally-sensitive Sacramento and Colorado Rivers to replenish the Central and West Coast groundwater basins.

WRD's WIN Program uses various sources of water for groundwater replenishment which includes storm water, recycled water and imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River.

The heart of the WIN Program is a project that will replace 21,000 acre-feet per year (approximately seven-billion gallons per year) of imported water for replenishment with highly treated recycled water. This project can increase stored water in the groundwater basins to “drought proof” the region and ensure a reliable local supply of water as the area faces the affects of climate change.

Southern Los Angeles County is comprised of two major groundwater basins that provide approximately 40% of the water supply during normal years and an additional amount during times of drought, natural disaster or emergency.

WRD's WIN Program significantly reduces our dependency on imported water from environmentally-sensitive areas for groundwater replenishment. It also increases protection against water interruptions during droughts and natural emergencies as well as providing a secure self-sustaining groundwater basin.

For more information on WRD's WIN Program and other WRD water conservation efforts, log on to www.wrd.org

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Created by voters in 1959, WRD is a regional groundwater management agency that protects and preserves the quantity and quality of groundwater supplies for 10 percent of the State's population residing in southern Los Angeles County.

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