



# Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority Receives WateReuse Award for Pure Water Project

*Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority (JPA) was presented the WateReuse Award for Excellence in the category of Transformative Innovation for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes – Triunfo Demonstration Facility (Pure Water Project).*

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**Calabasas, CA** – Las Virgenes – Triunfo JPA is the proud recipient of the 2021 WateReuse Award for Excellence in the category of Transformative Innovation for the Pure Water Demonstration Facility. The JPA was recognized Monday during the virtual 2021 WateReuse Symposium.

The Pure Water Project is the JPA’s most recent development in its long history of ensuring water reliability for the region, while closing the sustainability loop. The demonstration facility, which is housed in the former Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) headquarters building, takes recycled water from Tapia Water Reclamation Facility and treats it to drinking water standards through an advanced treatment process. This facility paves the way for one of the first indirect potable reuse projects using reservoir water augmentation in the region. At full-scale, the Pure Water Project will allow the JPA’s members to source up to 15% of their water supply locally.

“We are honored to receive this distinction,” said LVMWD General Manager David Pedersen. “The Pure Water Project is the culmination of years of hard work and dedication from our staff, and a testament to our commitment to maximizing reuse and resource recovery in an innovative manner.”

The demonstration facility, also boasting a sustainability garden and a massive mural visible through floor-to-ceiling windows, provides the opportunity for staff and operators to get familiar with the treatment technology before the full-scale facility goes online in 2030. Additionally, the facility serves as an immersive education center for the public to learn about the advanced treatment process.

“This project will help ensure the continued success of this region,” commented JPA Board Chair Ray Tjulander. “Receiving this recognition from a national organization like WateReuse is further confirmation that we are on the right track to a sustainable future.”

Virtual tours of the Pure Water Demonstration Facility are now being offered until the JPA can safely welcome in-person visitors. Visit [www.ourpureh2o.com](http://www.ourpureh2o.com) for more information.

The 2021 WateReuse Awards for Excellence recognize individuals, projects, and partnerships that have made significant contributions in advancing water reuse as a key component of water resources management. The Transformative Innovation award recognizes technological advances, research breakthroughs, and innovative practices that advance the adoption, implementation, or public acceptance of recycled water.

*Las Virgenes - Triunfo Joint Powers Authority (JPA) was established between Las Virgenes and Triunfo Water & Sanitation Districts to treat wastewater within the Malibu Creek watershed. The JPA owns and operates the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility and the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility.*

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