



Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority Earns CASA Excellence Award for Pure Water Project

Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority (JPA) was presented with the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Award of Excellence in the category of Innovation and Resiliency for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes – Triunfo Demonstration Facility (Pure Water Project).

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Calabasas, CA – The JPA is the proud recipient of the 2021 CASA Award of Excellence in the category of Innovation and Resiliency for the Pure Water Project. The JPA was recognized Thursday during the CASA Conference in San Diego.

This award is the second the JPA has received for its most recent efforts to ensure long-term water reliability for the region and move closer to closing the sustainability loop by minimizing by-products of treatment processes. The JPA also received the 2021 WateReuse Award for Excellence in March for the Pure Water Project.

The demonstration facility, which is housed in the former Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) headquarters building, takes recycled water from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility and purifies it beyond drinking water standards through advanced purification processes including microfiltration, reverse osmosis, and ultra-violet light & advanced oxidation.

This facility paves the way for one of the first indirect potable reuse projects using reservoir water augmentation in the state. At full-scale, the Pure Water Project will allow the JPA’s members to source up to 15% of their water supply locally, rather than relying exclusively on imported water from the State Water Project.

“We are excited about the continued recognition of this initiative,” said LVMWD General Manager and Administering Agent for the JPA David Pedersen. “The Pure Water Project is the key to ensuring resiliency and long-term sustainability for our region, and this recognition helps garner public buy-in and support for our efforts.”

The facility serves as an immersive education center for the public to learn about the advanced purification process, while boasting a sustainability garden and a massive mural visible through floor-to-ceiling windows.

Additionally, the Pure Water Project provides the opportunity for staff and operators to become better familiar with the treatment technology before the full-scale facility goes online in 2030.

"It's gratifying to see that all the hard work of the JPA is being recognized," says Raymond Tjulander, Triunfo Water & Sanitation District Board Chair and Chair of the JPA. "When the full-scale facility goes online, the impact to the long-term water needs of our customers will be significant, especially as water resources continue to be unpredictable."

In-person tours of the Pure Water Demonstration Facility are now being offered. Visit www.ourpureh2o.com for more information and to reserve a spot.

The 2021 CASA Award of Excellence recognizes achievements in the clean water community that advance the utilization of renewable resources and promote efforts to achieve environmental sustainability and the protection of public health.

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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