



August 8, 2019

Dear Neighbor,

We wanted you to be among the first to know about our plans to increase the recycled water supply for the Irvine Ranch Water District service area. Recycled water is an important part of IRWD's water portfolio as it benefits all IRWD customers. In fact, we have successfully recycled water in this community for more than 50 years. It's a reliable, drought-proof source of non-drinking water that makes up about one-fourth of our water supply.

Recycled water is used to:

- Keep parks, medians, school athletic fields, public landscaping, and other open space areas green and beautiful;
- Provide additional water to fight wildfires throughout the region; and
- Supply commercial and industrial needs such as mixing concrete and cooling office buildings.

And because recycled water can be used for these purposes, more drinking water is available for all IRWD customers.

We are just now beginning the environmental review process for the long-planned Syphon Reservoir Improvement Project. This project will increase the recycled water storage capacity in the reservoir from 535 acre-feet to a proposed 5,000 acre-feet (1.6 billion gallons), allowing IRWD to use nearly 100% of the recycled water that we produce.

The first opportunity for you to learn about the project and provide feedback is at an upcoming open house for what is known as the Notice of Preparation Scoping Meeting for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This is where you can let us know what you would like to be included in our analysis for the EIR.

Syphon Reservoir Improvement Project: Public Scoping Meeting Open House
Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 6 p.m.
Irvine Ranch Water District in the Multi-Purpose Room
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA 92618

There will be additional opportunities to provide input on the project as well – when the draft EIR and final EIR are circulated for public comment and when the EIR is submitted to the IRWD Board for consideration of acceptance.

Irvine Ranch Water District has one of the most technologically advanced and safe recycled water systems in the nation. If you would like to learn more or to view a video about our recycled water system, visit www.irwd.com/services/recycled-water.

We are committed to a safe, high-quality project that ensures enough recycled water to meet the needs of our customers. You can also follow our progress at www.syphonreservoirproject.com and sign up for notifications. If you have any questions, please email us at info@irwd.com or call us at 949-453-5500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Cook".

Paul Cook, P.E.
General Manager

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