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## **Recycled Water at South El Monte High School to Conserve Nearly 40 Million Gallons of Drinking Water Every Year**

The Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District is unveiling the latest phase of its San Gabriel Valley Water Recycling Program: **The South El Monte High School Project**. This phase will bring recycled water for landscape irrigation and a school district vehicle car wash to South El Monte High School. The project will conserve nearly 40 million gallons of drinking water each year, enough water to support about 250 households.

“The success of this project is attributable to the partnership and cooperation between the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, the Bureau of Reclamation, State Water Resources Control Board, Metropolitan Water District and El Monte Union High School District,” said Leon M. N. Garcia, President of the Upper District. “We are pleased that important local institutions like the High School are embracing Upper District’s efforts to improve water supply reliability in the Valley.”

Earlier phases of the program are supplying over 1 billion gallons of recycled water each year for irrigation at facilities such as Rose Hills Memorial Park, Rio Hondo College and Whittier Narrows Recreation Area. However, the South El Monte project site is the first high school in the San Gabriel Valley to connect to the recycled water distribution system.

“The El Monte Union High School District and South El Monte High School are proud to do our part to protect the environment and save drinking water. Our participation in this program also provides us a powerful teaching tool for helping our students learn about the importance of natural resource conservation in California,” said David A. Flores, President of the Board of Trustees.

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