

# Western Regional Water Commission

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** March 9, 2023  
**TO:** Chairman and Members, Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC)  
**FROM:** Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Presentation and report regarding WRWC and Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) purified water facility site visits

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### **SUMMARY**

Data Instincts arranged two tours of purified water sites for WRWC and NNWPC members. The first tour to the WRD Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning and Orange County Water District was held on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The second tour of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center, Pure Water Soquel, and the Pure Water Monterey facilities was held on February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **BACKGROUND**

Data Instincts provides professional consulting services to the WRWC and NNWPC related to communication, education and public outreach guidance and assistance for advanced purified water planning and projects in the region. Data Instincts' work plan included tour opportunities for elected officials and key decision makers at similar purified water projects in other locations. Onsite tours enhance community leadership expertise in communicating with the public about advanced purified water projects in our region. The tours involved meeting with leaders of similar projects and hearing firsthand of lessons learned and challenges faced with introducing advanced purified water projects to their communities.

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Attachment: 9a Letters of appreciation for tours of purified water facilities

March 15, 2023

Ms. Jenn Swart  
WRD Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning  
4040 Paramount Boulevard  
Lakewood, CA 90712

Dear Jenn:

Thank you for a wonderful visit to the WRD Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Our delegation of elected officials, facility directors and other staff greatly benefited from the informative presentations and the tour of your facility.

Your willingness to share your path to advanced purified water production will help our region and OneWater Nevada as we embark on a similar journey. In talking to various participants, the information impressed many and there were clear takeaways including noting the hurdles that you have overcome to be successful. Your staff was incredibly gracious and knowledgeable in handling our delegation's inquiries.

Water is a precious resource for our respective regions, as you well know. Utilizing water treatment technology and successful implementation strategies to maximize our ability to use that resource is key for not just us but for utilities across the country.

Sincerely,

Vaughn Hartung, Chairman  
Western Regional Water Commission

March 15, 2023

Ms. Rachel Gaudoin  
Monterey One Water  
PO Box 2109  
Monterey CA 93942

Dear Rachel:

Thank you for a wonderful visit to the Monterey One Water facility on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Our delegation of elected officials, facility directors and other staff greatly benefited from the informative presentations and the tour of your facility.

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Ms. Gina Ayala  
Mr. Mehul Patel  
Orange County Water District  
8700 Water Street  
Fountain Valley CA 92708

Dear Gina and Mehul:

Thank you for a wonderful visit to the Orange County Water District facility on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Our delegation of elected officials, facility directors and other staff greatly benefited from the informative presentations and the tour of your facility.

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Ms. Sherilyn Tran  
Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center  
5750 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose CA 95118

Dear Sherilyn:

Thank you for a wonderful visit to the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Our delegation of elected officials, facility directors and other staff greatly benefited from the informative presentations and the tour of your facility.

Your willingness to share your path to advanced purified water production will help our region and OneWater Nevada as we embark on a similar journey. In talking to various participants, the information impressed many and there were clear takeaways including noting the hurdles that you have overcome to be successful. Your staff was incredibly gracious and knowledgeable in handling our delegation's inquiries.

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Ms. Melanie Schumacher  
Soquel Creek Water District  
5180 Soquel Drive  
Soquel CA 95073

Dear Melanie:

Thank you for a wonderful visit to the Pure Water Soquel facility on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Our delegation of elected officials, facility directors and other staff greatly benefited from the informative presentations and the tour of your facility.

Your willingness to share your path to advanced purified water production will help our region and OneWater Nevada as we embark on a similar journey. In talking to various participants, the information impressed many and there were clear takeaways including noting the hurdles that you have overcome to be successful. Your staff was incredibly gracious and knowledgeable in handling our delegation's inquiries.

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