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**Alameda County Water District Wins 2023 WaterSense® Excellence Award**

**Washington, D.C.**—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has honored Alameda County Water District with a WaterSense Excellence Award for their work promoting WaterSense and water efficiency in 2022. WaterSense recognized its Sustained Excellence, Partner of the Year, and Excellence Award winners during the WaterSmart Innovations (WSI) Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 5. ACWD was one of 25 Excellence Award winners nationwide.

WaterSense, a voluntary partnership program sponsored by EPA, is both a label for water-efficient products, programs, and homes and a resource for helping consumers learn ways to save water. More than 2,100 manufacturers, builders, retailers, utilities, government, and nonprofit organizations partner with WaterSense to promote water-efficient products, homes, and programs.

“With extreme weather affecting water supplies and quality, saving this precious resource is more important than ever,” said Veronica Blette, Chief, WaterSense Branch. “The 2023 award winners helped Americans look to WaterSense and save not just water, but the energy required to heat and treat it, as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with energy use.”

Since 2006, over 40,000 certified water-efficient plumbing and irrigation products have helped consumers and businesses save 7.5 trillion gallons of water; the amount of energy needed to pump, treat, and heat water by 880 billion kilowatt hours; and \$171 billion in water and energy bills. These savings also helped prevent 337 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, which is equivalent to planting 5.6 billion trees.

WaterSense recognized Alameda County Water District as a 2023 Excellence Award winner for promoting WaterSense labeled products through its robust water conservation measures, including high-efficiency toilet and urinal rebate programs, irrigation hardware rebate program, weather-based irrigation controller rebate program, water conservation kits, and its Water Savings Assistance Partnership Program.

The 2023 award marks the second time ACWD has been recognized as an Excellence Award winner.

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“It is a true honor to receive this award on behalf of the Alameda County Water District and its customers who can achieve water efficiency with WaterSense labeled devices,” said ACWD Board President Paul Sethy. “Our longstanding WaterSense partnership supports ACWD’s commitment to providing customers with resources to help them achieve long-term conservation. A WaterSense label takes the guesswork out when selecting products, and customers know they’re installing devices and fixtures that meet high standards.”

For more information about ACWD’s water conservation program, rebates and ways to save water, visit [acwd.org/consERVE](http://acwd.org/consERVE).

For more information about WaterSense, visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense).



Alameda County Water District's water use efficiency specialist Gisselle Delgadillo (left) and water use efficiency supervisor Stephanie Nevins accepted the WaterSense Excellence Award at the WaterSmart Innovations (WSI) Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 5, 2023.

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Since 1914, the Alameda County Water District has supplied water to the residents and businesses of southern Alameda County. ACWD supplies drinking water to the 344,000 people living in the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City. For more information, visit [www.acwd.org](http://www.acwd.org).

WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by EPA, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering consumers and businesses simple ways to use less water with water-efficient products, homes, and services.