



ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NOW OFFERS TECHNICAL BROCHURES IN CHINESE, KOREAN, SPANISH, AND VIETNAMESE.

TOURS OF THE H₂O LEARNING CENTER, GWRS AND ADVANCED WATER QUALITY ASSURANCE LABORATORY ALSO AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH, CHINESE, KOREAN, AND SPANISH.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. (February 22, 2017) — With more than 4,000 guests from around the world touring the Orange County Water District's (OCWD; the District) facilities annually, OCWD now offers translations of the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) technical brochure in Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The translated data is also shared with Orange County's diverse residents, international universities and at conferences to encourage collaborations to further advancements in water reuse technology and to increase public acceptance of advanced water purification projects.

The translated brochures were created to enhance OCWD's robust tour and speakers bureau programs, which includes tours of OCWD facilities, including: the GWRS - the world's largest advanced water purification facility of its kind; the H₂O Learning Center at OCWD - an interactive exhibit about how water works in California and Orange County; OCWD's Advanced Water Quality Assurance Laboratory - one of only three public agency labs in the nation to provide a full Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule 3 (UCMR3) program, which is certified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); 25 recharge basins in Anaheim and Orange; and, the Prado Constructed Wetlands located in Riverside County.

Tours of OCWD's facilities are available in English, Chinese, Korean, and Spanish and are free to the public, but require reservations. Tours may be requested online at <http://www.ocwd.com/contact-us/book-a-tour/>. Translated technical brochures and additional information about OCWD, are available at <http://www.ocwd.com/about/languages/>

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The GWRS, which is a joint project with the Orange County Sanitation District, takes treated wastewater and purifies it through a three-step process consisting of microfiltration, reverse osmosis and ultraviolet light with hydrogen peroxide. The end result is 100 million gallons a day (MGD) of ultra-pure water that meets or exceeds state and federal drinking water standards. A portion of this water is injected into a seawater barrier with the remainder being pumped to OCWD's recharge basins where it percolates into the Orange County Groundwater Basin and becomes a primary source of drinking water.

Plans for a final expansion of the GWRS are underway to take production to 130 MGD, which is enough water for 1 million people. Since 2008, the GWRS has produced more than 211 billion gallons of water and has been a game changer to making water supplies more reliable in Orange County.

As a leader in water reuse and groundwater management, OCWD provided more than 220 tours and more than 200 offsite briefings in 2016 for local high schools and colleges, water agencies, community organizations and international groups. Members of the media wishing to tour an OCWD facility or request an interview may contact the District at info@ocwd.com.

ABOUT OCWD

The District is committed to enhancing Orange County's groundwater quality and reliability in an environmentally friendly and economical manner. The following cities utilize the groundwater basin managed by OCWD and receive approximately 75 percent of their water supply from it: Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Orange, Placentia, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster and Yorba Linda. For more information about the Orange County Water District, call (714) 378-3200 or visit www.ocwd.com.