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**City of Montebello and San Gabriel Valley Water Company Will Dedicate a
Recycled Water Treatment System at Grant Rea Park**

San Gabriel Valley Water Company and the City of Montebello will dedicate the recycled water system at Montebello's Grant Rea Park. Assemblyman Ed Chau and Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia will make remarks at the ceremony.

The recycled water system will irrigate the park's turf and landscape areas. Delivery of recycled water supports the City's efforts to identify and implement environmentally friendly programs for the benefit of its residents and the greater community at a cost which is lower than the cost of drinking water.

Using recycled water to irrigate the Park's landscaping and turf areas will save 18 million gallons of local drinking water per year – that's enough water to serve 110 homes per year.

To help reduce the cost, the City of Montebello was awarded a grant from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California that offsets a portion of the cost of converting the park's irrigation system to receive recycled water.

"Being able to use recycled water for irrigation purposes allows us to maintain our parks while lessening the demand for imported or ground water supplies," said Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia. "The need for creative solutions and uses for recycled water beyond irrigation is crucial for meeting future demand. This project is a step in the right direction."

"In the midst of a severe drought, the recycled water project will alleviate the demand for potable water." Said Assemblyman Chau, "This is a huge win for the community, allowing us to maintain the playing fields at Grant Rea Park."

"This is an important day for the residents of Montebello," stated Jack Hadjinian, Mayor Pro Tem "It allows us to continue providing recreational space to our residents and conserving vital drinking water for them."