

**\$300,000 GRANT FOR IRON AND MANGANESE TREATMENT PROJECT
AWARDED TO UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**
Federal Grant Will Aid in Improving Water Quality in Ventura County

United Water Conservation District has been awarded a \$300,000 **WaterSmart Drought Resiliency Project grant** from the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior. The grant award will offset the estimated \$4.5 million cost of the United Water Conservation District's project to construct an Iron and Manganese Removal project at the District's El Rio Water Treatment Plant.



“We are very appreciative of the federal government’s support of the District’s efforts to combat the collateral damage resulting from the region’s sustained period of drought,” said Mauricio Guardado UWCD General Manager.

The District’s Board of Directors and staff have been working diligently to educate our legislature and federal agencies to the serious challenges in Ventura County regarding access to safe, clean water. This grant from the Bureau of Reclamation will help achieve United’s next step, which is final design of the Iron and Manganese filtration system. This system will ultimately benefit the several economically disadvantaged communities that receive their drinking water from the District’s Oxnard Hueneme (OH) Pipeline system,” added Guardado.

The project will also improve the operational flexibility and drought resilience of the Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline system to ensure that water meeting both primary and secondary drinking water standards can be delivered to customers even during severe drought conditions, ensuring the continued use of local resources.