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Municipal Water District of OC Partners with Boy Scouts

Fountain Valley, CA (August 31, 2016) – Directors of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) have unanimously approved a partnership with the Boy Scouts to boost the number of Scouts learning about water conservation.

MWDOC will sponsor the "Soil and Water Conservation" merit badge in the Boy Scouts' Orange County Council, hoping to attract many of the more than 8,000 eligible Scouts in the county to earn the badge and increase their knowledge of water conservation and the challenges of reliably delivering clean water to customers.

Requirements of the badge include instruction on runoff and water sheds, as well as a visit to water-treatment or wastewater plant. Understanding water conservation practices and the hydrologic cycle are also part of the badge requirements.

MWDOC, a wholesale water agency that services more than 2.2 million people, will work with its 27 retail member agencies to organize at least three day-long seminars throughout the county.

Scouts will attend the seminars will accomplish most of the requirements of the badge. The "classroom" portion of the requirements will be led by Orange County water industry professionals.

The new program is the latest addition to MWDOC's suite of education efforts. Working with member agencies, the district manages an elementary school program that reaches 60,000 elementary-school children annually, as well as a high school program that reaches 25,000 students. The education programs also involve partnerships: MWDOC contracts with Discovery Science Center for the elementary-school program and with the Orange County Department of Education's Inside the Outdoors for the high-school outreach.

For more information on the Orange County Council of the Boy Scouts of America, see www.ocbsa.org.

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