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MWDOC Awards Over \$363,000 in Refunds to Member Agencies for Dedicated Irrigation Meter Area Measurements Project

Fountain Valley, CA (August 15, 2024) – The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is proud to announce that 13 member agencies will receive refunds totaling \$363,038.40 for their participation in the Dedicated Irrigation Meter Area Measurements Project. This initiative is part of MWDOC's ongoing efforts to support compliance with the recently adopted "Conservation as a California Way of Life" water use efficiency standards by the State Water Resources Control Board.

The refunds were made possible through significant funding secured by MWDOC, which included \$650,000 from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and grant funding from the Santa Ana River Watershed Authority (SAWPA). Due to effective project management and cost efficiencies, MWDOC completed the project under budget, allowing for substantial refunds to the participating agencies.

"We are thrilled to provide these refunds to our member agencies, which underscores our commitment to water use efficiency and our ability to maximize the value of grant funding," said MWDOC Board Vice President Jeffery Thomas. "This project is a critical part of helping our region meet state-mandated water efficiency standards, and we are grateful for the support from our partners at Metropolitan and SAWPA."

To date, 18 Orange County retailers have participated in the project, and additional agencies are expected to join before it concludes later this year. The successful collaboration among MWDOC, its member agencies, and funding partners demonstrates a shared commitment to sustainable water management practices.

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The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is a wholesale water provider and resource planning agency whose efforts focus on sound planning and appropriate investments in water supply, water use efficiency and conservation, public information and outreach, legislative advocacy, water education for all ages, and emergency preparedness. MWDOC's 27 water agencies, comprised of both city water departments and water districts, provide water service to the public.

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