

# MRWPCA UPDATE

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Luncheon at the RTP After Ribbon-cutting

## MRWPCA Begins Processing Water from Salinas River Facility

**I**n April, MRWPCA started accepting water from the new Salinas River Diversion Facility located about a mile north of the Regional Treatment Plant (RTP). The facility, built and maintained by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, will operate from April through October and can withdraw as much as 10,000 acre-feet of river water per year.

A pipeline carries the captured water to the RTP for filtration, chlorination and mixing with the recycled water produced at MRWPCA and held in an 80-acre storage pond.

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years, MRWPCA has produced over 44 billion gallons of recycled water used to help irrigate some 12,000 acres of farmland in the Castroville area. “The facility is another step in solving the seawater intrusion problem,” states MRWPCA engineer Bob Holden. “Additionally, the growers will benefit from a mix of tertiary treated water and river water. Instead of using either their normal irrigation water or treated water from our plant, they will see more nutrient consistency in the recycled water and be able to better plan for their crop irrigation.”

Costs for the diversion facility and water processing and distribution are to be paid for by the growers.

An April 22 ribbon-cutting to mark the diversion facility’s start-up was followed by a luncheon at the MRWPCA RTP. The event attracted approximately 200 people, including Monterey County Supervisors; Monterey County Water Resources Agency directors and staff; and many well wishers.



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