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Forest Lawn Receives Recycled Water 2021 Customer of the Year, WaterReuse California Awards for Excellence

CEO Darin Drabing announces recognition of the organization's contribution in support of greater adoption of water reuse

GLENDALE, CA—Forest Lawn Memorial-Parks & Mortuaries President & CEO Darin Drabing announced today that the Los Angeles County locations are the recipient of WaterReuse California Awards for Excellence's Recycled Customer of the Year. "We are honored to receive this award on behalf of all five of our parks in Los Angeles County. We are committed to keeping our parks well-tended and beautiful, while using recycled water service whenever possible" said Drabing.

The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts nominated Forest Lawn Memorial Parks for the award, which recognizes individuals and/or projects that make significant contributions in support of greater adoption of water reuse. "In the highly competitive and selective process, Forest Lawn stood out for its success in advancing the development of alternative water supplies through water recycling at not one or two sites, but at five properties located through the Greater Los Angeles area" said Earle Hartling, Water Recycling Coordinator for the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts.

Forest Lawn's five Los Angeles County locations: Long Beach, Covina Hills, Cypress, Hollywood Hills, and Glendale, use recycled water produced from the Sanitation Districts' Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs) and Departments of Water and Power. Altogether, these five locations use over 1,900 acre-feet per year of recycled water on 643 acres and represent all of Forest Lawn's properties within Los Angeles County. Forest Lawn began its recycled water conversion in 1989 at the Long Beach location as part of Long Beach Water Department's Phase 5 expansion and continued with Glendale and Hollywood Hills properties in 1992 and 1993, respectively. In 2015, the Covina Hills location did all its own on-site conversion work to begin using recycled water. Through this process it contributed to the development of a shared storage reservoir on-site at the adjacent California Polytechnic University, Pomona and upgraded the pump station bringing recycled water from the Sanitation Districts' Pomona WRP into the campus. Forest Lawn completed its recycled water conversion with the Cypress location in 2016.

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In an award presentation at the Awards for Excellence Luncheon, taking place today during the 2021 WaterReuse California Annual Conference in Los Angeles, CA, Clint Granath, Architecture & Engineering Chief Engineer at Forest Lawn, and the shepherd of the effort, will represent the organization. "Forest Lawn Memorial Parks are 'forever' and need to remain picturesque in honor of those interred there and for the benefit of loved ones who will visit, essentially lasting forever," said Granath. "Using recycled water accomplishes this goal while allowing us to be stewards of the planet. We value this recognition of our decades-long efforts to be exceptional environmental citizens." Or a short version: "It is an honor to be recognized for creating spaces that are comfortingly beautiful and help conserve precious resources," said Granath.

Since its founding in 1906, Forest Lawn has committed itself to providing outstanding service and beautiful, scenic environments for family outings, remembering loved ones, and commemorating holidays. Forest Lawn is a place for the living and an integral part of the communities it serves with a history of community outreach and involvement that dates to the first Decoration (or Memorial) Day in 1915 and first Easter Sunrise Service in 1921. Forest Lawn is proud to offer competitively priced cremation and traditional funeral services throughout Southern California.

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