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SENATOR CAROLINE MENJIVAR SECURES \$3 MILLION IN STATE FUNDING FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

SAN FERNANDO, CA – Celebrating the 112th birthday of the City of San Fernando, Senator Caroline Menjivar surprised the City with a state funding award of \$3 Million for critical water infrastructure projects. Accompanied by San Fernando Mayor Celeste Rodriguez, Senator Menjivar addressed an audience of City staff to discuss the importance of water independence and how this funding will ensure residents and businesses in San Fernando can continue to have a safe, resilient potable water system.

“The City of San Fernando is an independent City because of our water rights and it’s essential that we continue to preserve and maintain our water system,” Mayor Celeste Rodriguez said.

The awarded state funding will focus on capital improvements, particularly for an existing City water well that has recently experienced high nitrate levels. The City of San Fernando, incorporated in 1911, provides water service to an area of approximately 2.42 square miles with an approximate population of 24,000 residents and almost 500 commercial customers. Annually, the City serves approximately 1 billion gallons of water to customers. The City measured increasing nitrate levels in the groundwater over the past few years and shut down one of its wells in April 2022 due to the increasing nitrate levels. Since then, the City has been purchasing water from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD). Installing the nitrite treatment system will eliminate the need for regional imported supply.

The nitrate removal project will be constructed at the City’s water well facilities located within the City of Los Angeles, in the Sylmar Neighborhood.

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About Caroline Menjivar

Senator Caroline Menjivar took the Oath of Office on December 5, 2022, and represents Burbank and the San Fernando Valley in California's 20th Senate District. She is a first-generation American, daughter of Salvadorean immigrants, who was born and raised in the very communities she now represents. For additional information about Senator Menjivar, visit: <https://sd20.senate.ca.gov/>

About the City of San Fernando

Incorporated in 1911 and nestled at the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, San Fernando has a population of approximately 25,000, and is a diverse, family-oriented community of about 2.4 square miles. The City of San Fernando is a full-service General Law City with in-house Police, Public Works, Finance, Community Development, Recreation and Community Services, City Clerk and Administration departments. The City contracts for fire services with the City of Los Angeles and is governed by a five-member City Council who serves four-year terms, with a Mayor appointed every year, on a rotating basis, by a majority vote of the City Council.