

GLOSSARY

Aqueduct

A structure that carries water from one place to another, usually from far away

Aquifer

An underground layer or area where groundwater is

Groundwater

Water located beneath the Earth's surface between rocks and sediments

Metropolitan Water District

A large regional supplier of treated of water in Southern California

Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project

A project that captures stormwater while improving recreational services for communities

Recycled Water

Water that has been used before, but treated for use again

Reservoir

A large body of water used to store freshwater

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

The place where California's two largest rivers meet the sea that helps supply freshwater to the people of California

San Gabriel Basin

The main source of water for people living in San Gabriel Valley

San Gabriel Valley Municipal District

A local government that provides water from the State Water Project to the city of Alhambra, Azusa, Monterey Park, and Sierra Madre

State Water Project

A large water delivery system that moves water across California

Spreading Ground

A water conservation facility that lets surface water add to groundwater supplies

Stormwater Capture

The collection, treatment, and storage of water from rain or snow that does not soak into the ground

Surface Water

Water collected on Earth's surface

Treatment Facility

A place where water can be cleaned, stored, tested, and distributed

Urban runoff or stormwater pollution

Water from rain or snow that does not soak into the ground and picks up pollutants as they move around

Watershed/Water Basin

An area where water collects and drains off into one place