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ONTARIO CONNECTS RECYCLED WATER TO TOYOTA FOR IRRIGATION NEEDS

Ontario, CA – Earlier this month, the City of Ontario activated connection of the Toyota Parts Distribution Center to the recently completed first phase of Ontario's recycled water system expansion program. This program which consisted of approximately 1.5 miles of new recycled water pipeline. Although Toyota is not the first to utilize recycled water in Ontario, it is the largest industrial/commercial user to date, with an estimated use of 120 acre feet of recycled water per year. That's over 39 million gallons of water or enough water to supply the water needs of 250 households for one year.

"Thanks to the City of Ontario, Toyota is closer to reaching our goal of better managing water consumption," said Jim Cooke, National Facilities Operations Manager for Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. "Using recycled water conserves a precious natural resource and reduces our operating costs at the same time. It's better for the environment and good for our business practice."

Many other businesses are taking advantage of the benefits of recycled water in part because the rates are significantly lower than potable water rates. The Ontario Utilities Department is also diligently working on connecting schools and parks in Ontario. Mayor Paul Leon stated, "These efforts help conserve our water resources which is of significant importance in California's current drought conditions. Recycled water is safe for many uses and expands our supplies. Our partnership with companies like Toyota allows development of jobs while reusing resources."

Over the next several years, Ontario will continue to actively expand its purple pipe recycled water distribution system to meet the potential demands throughout the city. For more information on recycled water, please call the Ontario Utilities Department at (909) 395-2678 or visit <http://www.ci.ontario.ca.us/index.cfm/39990>.