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**Alameda County Water District joins national Imagine a Day Without Water campaign to raise awareness about vulnerable infrastructure systems**

**Fremont, Calif.** — The Alameda County Water District will join hundreds of organizations nationwide on Sept. 15 to educate the public about the water and wastewater infrastructure crisis currently facing the United States.

Organized by the Value of Water Coalition, the *Imagine a Day Without Water* campaign raises awareness about the crucial need for infrastructure investments to ensure that no community in America is left without water to its homes and businesses.

As part of its participation in the event, ACWD will host tours of one of its water treatment facilities. Tour participants will see the treatment processes up close, learn about the science and technologies involved, and get a better understanding of what goes into delivering high quality water to our community.

"With clean, safe water essential for daily life, it is important that we maintain and plan ahead for our infrastructure needs. We invite customers to come learn about their drinking water system," said ACWD Board President Judy Huang. "We turn on the tap and it is there, but behind the scenes is a complex process to ensure the safety of your drinking water. Tours will provide a snapshot of what is required before even a single drop is delivered."

In addition to treating and testing water to ensure consistently high water quality, it is crucial for ACWD to maintain its facilities and equipment and to replace aging pipelines so that water is continuously available for homes, businesses, and for fire protection. In fact, ACWD operates more than 900 miles of water main lines in Fremont, Newark and Union City.

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**Imagine a Day Without Water**

"We're thrilled that ACWD is joining *Imagine a Day Without Water*. This national day of action is educating public officials and engaging citizens about the essential role water plays in our lives, and the threat that aging and underfunded water infrastructure poses to our communities and economy" said Radhika Fox, CEO of the US Water Alliance and Director of the Value of Water Coalition. "The systems that provide critical water and wastewater services are aging, and we need to take action before it gets worse. Because a day without water is nothing short of a crisis."

In addition to aging infrastructure, the challenges that our drinking water systems face are multi-faceted. Drought, flooding, pollution, and climate change are stressing our water systems. Come learn what ACWD is doing to plan ahead so that our drinking water remains safe and reliable.

**ACWD Water Treatment Plant Tours**

**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

**9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Each tour is approximately one hour long**

**Tour registration: [www.acwd.org](http://www.acwd.org) or call 510.668.4470**

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For 100 years, the Alameda County Water District has supplied water to the residents and businesses of southern Alameda County. ACWD supplies drinking water to the more than 348,000 people living in the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City.