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## Three More Vista Varieties Earn TWCA Qualification

**Shedd, OR** – <u>Vista Seed Partners</u> is pleased to announce that three of its tall fescue varieties have earned Turfgrass Water Conservation Alliance (TWCA) qualification. Amity, Renegade DT and ZigZag, all turf-type tall fescues, met the demanding drought tolerance standards of TWCA's latest round of trial and research committee review, and now join the company's lineup of TWCA-qualified products.

"We're proud to have these varieties qualify," said Chris McDowell. "Drought tolerance and water conservation have become increasingly important to our customers, and this is a demonstration of our commitment to developing high-performing products that meet their needs and expectations."

## About the products:

Amity is an elite tall fescue variety developed by the breeders at Rutgers. It is a persistent, lower growing, endophyte enhanced variety that is well adapted to hot summers, high humidity and tough use situations, and performs exceptionally well in the transition zone. Amity is a great high- or low-maintenance choice wherever a high quality tall fescue is needed.

Renegade DT is a new variety of tall fescue developed in Oregon by the breeders at NovelAg. It is a persistent, dark-colored, endophyte enhanced variety that is well adapted to hot summers, lower fertility soils, higher salt conditions, shade, and tough use situations. A lower-growing "Semi-Dwarf "type variety with deep roots and a medium-slow growth rate which can be mowed down to 5/8 inches, it's recommended for lawns, parks, golf course roughs, and sod production.

Zigzag is a persistent, endophyte enhanced tall fescue variety selected from spreading plants exhibiting rhizome production. It demonstrates good summer performance and stress tolerance, is well adapted to low fertility situations, and tolerates high and low pH soils and shady conditions very well. It is a medium height variety with an attractive darker green color and medium leaf texture that is recommended wherever a good quality tall fescue with spreading potential is called for.

TWCA uses peer review of objective data collected through multi-year, multi-site trialing to qualify the most drought tolerant cultivars of each turfgrass species. Qualification in TWCA is time limited and progressive; meaning each cultivar must either re-qualify against a new, higher standard of drought tolerance or lose its use of the seal. Qualified products must contain a minimum of 70% TWCA Qualified cultivars.

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