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## WRD Chief Administrative Officer Recognized at **Groundwater Resources Association of California Conference**

Lakewood, CA- Today, the Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRAC) recognized the Water Replenishment District's Assistant General Manager and Chief Administrative Officer, Ted Johnson, as a Director Emeritus for his longstanding work with the organization.

GRAC's Director Emeritus designation is conferred upon former Directors who have performed substantial, consistent, and recognizable service to GRA during their terms. Ted Johnson has served as the President and Vice President of the GRAC and has been extensively involved with the Association. With nearly 30 years of service to the Water Replenishment District, Mr. Johnson served has also served as the Chief Hydrogeologist where he managed projects related to ground-water recharge, water quality, and seawater intrusion for the Central Basin and West Coast Basin in southern Los Angeles County.

"Ted Johnson's expertise in groundwater recharge is unparalleled and the Water Replenishment District is fortunate to have this expert on our staff to help lead this agency" said WRD Board President John Allen, "This recognition is fitting for someone who has dedicated his career to maximizing groundwater resources."

Ted has nearly 30 years of experience in hydrogeology and has a B.S. in Geology and a M.S. in Environmental Studies from the California State University at Fullerton. He is a licensed Professional Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist.

## About the Groundwater Resources Association of California

The Groundwater Resources Association of California is dedicated to resource management that protects and improves groundwater supply and quality through education and technical leadership. Their vision is to help create sustainable groundwater for all.

The Water Replenishment District is the largest groundwater agency in the State of California, managing and protecting local groundwater resources for four million residents. WRD's service area covers a 420-square-mile region of southern Los Angeles County, the most populated county in the United States. The 43 cities in the service area, including a portion of the City of Los Angeles, use about 250,000 acre-feet (82 billion gallons) of groundwater annually which accounts for approximately half of the region's water supply.