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## **NGWA Announces**

# **2011 Groundwater Industry Awards**

*The Water Replenishment District of Southern California  
receives the 2011 Ground Water Protection Award  
for its Regional Groundwater Monitoring Program*

**Lakewood, CA- September 30, 2011** - Today the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) announced its recipients for 2011. One of NGWA's Outstanding Ground Water Project Award's will be presented to the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD). WRD will receive the "Ground Water Protection Award" for its exceptional Regional Groundwater Monitoring Program. The awards will be presented at the 2011 NGWA Ground Water Expo in November.

For over 50 years, WRD has been managing the groundwater replenishment and water quality activities for the Central Groundwater Basin and West Coast Groundwater Basin in south Los Angeles County. The analyses of information from the WRD Regional Groundwater Monitoring program helps the District plan and implement projects and programs to increase recycled water use, prevent seawater intrusion and capture and conserve stormwater.

The WRD Regional Groundwater Monitoring Program includes 300 dedicated monitoring wells where groundwater levels and groundwater quality are tracked and analyzed. The District compiles an annual report to convey the groundwater monitoring results to the public and regulatory agencies. This report can be accessed online at [www.wrd.org](http://www.wrd.org).

"The foresight WRD had 50 years ago to keep track of groundwater conditions is paying huge dividends today," Board President Sergio Calderon said. "We now operate one of the more sophisticated groundwater database programs in the country. Among other things, that contributes to robust groundwater management to assure a safe and reliable groundwater supply for the future".

*The Water Replenishment District of Southern California is the regional groundwater management agency that protects and preserves the quantity and quality of groundwater for two of the most utilized urban basins in the State of California. The service area is home to over ten percent of California's population residing in 43 cities in southern Los Angeles County. WRD is governed by a publicly elected Board of Directors including Willard H. Murray, Jr., Robert Katherman, Lillian Kawasaki, Sergio Calderon, and Albert Robles.*

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