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## **WRD HOSTS 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GROUNDWATER FESTIVAL** **“Treasure Beneath Our Feet”**

**Lakewood, CA-** The Water Replenishment District (WRD) is hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Groundwater Festival “Treasure Beneath Our Feet,” a free public event that is anticipated to bring more than 4,000 participants. **The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 12, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at WRD headquarters, 4040 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, CA 90712.**

This fun, free, educationally interactive festival features more than 40 exhibitors including water agencies, federal, state and local environmental agencies, the Aquarium of the Pacific, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and WRD’s award winning Eco-Gardener classes.

“We hope the public joins us this Saturday to help us celebrate our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Groundwater Festival,” said WRD Board President Sergio Calderon. “This fun, educational and interactive event can be enjoyed by all as they learn about WRD’s mission to protect, replenish and preserve the ‘treasure beneath our feet,’ groundwater.”

During the event, the WRD Board of Directors will present the WRD Groundwater Ambassador Awards to California State Senator Kevin De Leon, Assembly Member Isadore Hall, Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, environmentalist Belinda Faustinos and local reporter Arnold Adler for their unique contributions to regional groundwater issues.

The Groundwater Festival “Treasure Beneath Our Feet” concludes National Groundwater Awareness Week, which runs from March 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>. Locally, groundwater supplies nearly 40 percent of the region’s water consumption that is used by 10 percent of the State’s population.

The Groundwater Festival is made possible through the generous financial support from Golden State Water Company, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Siemens, Starbucks, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, West Basin Municipal Water District and many more.

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 basins in the State of California, with a service area that is home to over ten percent of California’s population residing in 43 cities in southern Los Angeles County with a publicly elected Board of Directors including Willard H. Murray, Jr., Robert Katherman, Lillian Kawasaki, Sergio Calderon, and Albert Robles.

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For more information on WRD and the Groundwater Festival “Treasure Beneath Our Feet” event please visit [www.wrd.org](http://www.wrd.org).