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NGWA Presents 2011 Ground Water Protection Award to the Water Replenishment District of Southern California for its Regional Groundwater Monitoring Program

Lakewood, CA- November 30, 2011 - Today the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) presented its 2011 Outstanding Ground Water Project Awards with their Ground Water Protection Award going to the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) for its exceptional Regional Groundwater Monitoring Program.

For over 50 years, WRD has been managing the groundwater replenishment and water quality activities for the Central Groundwater Basin and the West Coast Groundwater Basin for the benefit of 4 million residents 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.

“The foresight WRD had 50 years ago to keep track of groundwater conditions is paying huge dividends today,” Board Member Albert Robles said while receiving this outstanding award. “We are proud to now operate one of the most sophisticated groundwater monitoring and database programs in the country. Great to see WRD receiving recognition for its programs.”

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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