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Regional Water Authority Honors Local Leaders For Achievements, Service to Water Community

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Regional Water Authority (RWA) has presented its annual Distinguished Service Award to longtime water attorney Ed Tiedemann and its Water Statesperson of the Year award to San Juan Water District General Manager Shauna Lorance.

Paul Selsky, a member of the Carmichael Water District Board of Directors and chair of the RWA Awards Committee, said the award recipients have been instrumental in advancing the region's water planning efforts and building cooperative relationships. The awards were presented December 10 at the Authority's annual holiday social.

Tiedemann, a senior attorney with Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard, was honored for his numerous accomplishments during more than four decades as general counsel to the Placer County Water Agency.

Paul Bartkiewicz, RWA legal counsel, presented the award and called Tiedemann one of California's foremost water and public law attorneys. "His contributions as general legal counsel to Placer County Water Agency are too numerous to list. His leadership on countless issues in development of PCWA's Middle Fork American River Project, including obtaining water right permits and a federal power license, administering construction contracts, and negotiating water and power contracts, has served and will continue to serve generations of people in Placer County, this region and the rest of California," Bartkiewicz said. "I cannot imagine a more deserving recipient of a distinguished service award."

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Lorance, who has served as general manager of the San Juan Water District since December 2003, was honored for her role in promoting common conservation messages and water shortage criteria among the San Juan Family of water agencies. She also was recognized for her involvement in statewide efforts to develop policy principles on water conservation through the Association of California Water Agencies' Drought and Conservation Task Force as well as regional efforts to achieve a flow standard to protect the fishery of the lower American River. Her work as chair of ACWA's Local Government Committee, as a member of the National Water Resources Association and as an advocate for regional water issues in Washington, D.C., also was noted.

“Shauna has been actively engaged in supporting Sacramento-area regional water interests for many years,” said Rob Roscoe, general manager of Sacramento Suburban Water District and a past RWA chair. “She has been our spokesperson on many important local issues in both state and national forums. Her knowledge of the issues and involvement in collaborative efforts have made a difference in advancing regional water issues.”

RWA is a joint powers authority representing 22 water providers in the greater Sacramento area. Its primary mission is to help its members protect and enhance the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources.

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