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Local Water Leader Honored for Service *Regional Water Authority Recognizes Derrick Whitehead*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Regional Water Authority (RWA) has presented its annual award for service and contributions to the Sacramento region at its annual holiday social on December 13, 2012.

RWA's Distinguished Service Award was presented to Derrick Whitehead, the Director of Environmental Utilities for the City of Roseville. He was honored for his ongoing service and leadership on regional water issues. "Derrick has been recipient of many accolades and awards recognizing his expertise and involvement in water industry leadership in the region," said Roseville Mayor Pauline Roccucci, who presented the award. She cited examples of his leadership, which include participating on the original team that created, negotiated and signed the Water Forum Agreement; helping in the formation of the Regional Water Authority; pursuing a change in policy at the State Water Resources Control Board regarding statewide Aquifer Storage and Recovery; and leading Cap to Cap efforts to take regional water issues to Washington D.C. for action. He led Roseville efforts on water conservation and recycling that set a standard for others in the region to follow.

His career with the City spanned 18 years and he has been instrumental in implementing sound utility infrastructure for one of the State's most dynamic Cities. Several innovative programs such as using recycled water in Placer County, development of a regional groundwater model, introduction of aquifer storage and recovery into the City's water supply portfolio, development of the Placer County GWMP and enterprise Asset Management and rehabilitation programs for Roseville were instituted during his tenure.

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