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Local Water Leaders Honored for Service, Statesmanship *Regional Water Authority Recognizes Chuck Rose, Lisa Brown*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Regional Water Authority (RWA) has presented awards to two local water leaders for their service and contributions to the Sacramento region.

RWA’s annual Distinguished Service Award was presented to Charles T. “Chuck” Rose, a longtime member of the Citrus Heights Water District Board of Directors and proponent of regional groundwater management. Rose, who has served on the Citrus Heights district’s board since 1996, was honored for his ongoing service and leadership on groundwater and other regional water issues.

“In addition to his many contributions to the Citrus Heights Water District, Chuck has a long record of leadership in the region’s water community,” said Bob Churchill, who presented the award at RWA’s annual holiday social on Dec. 8. “Beginning with his efforts in establishing the Sacramento North Area Groundwater Management Authority in 1998 to that body’s metamorphosis to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority, Chuck has been a key figure in advancing collaborative approaches to managing the region’s groundwater resources. His passion for his community and the water it needs to thrive has been a tremendous benefit to the region.”

RWA’s Water Statesperson of the Year award was presented to Lisa Brown, water efficiency administrator for the City of Roseville. Brown, who represents the region on the California Urban Water Conservation Council and has advocated structural changes to that body to

better reflect statewide perspectives, was honored for her diligence in advancing conservation efforts and elevating the region's profile at the statewide level.

“Lisa has been instrumental in getting the message of water conservation and efficiency elevated from the local level to statewide,” Mr. Woodling said. “The Sacramento region is now being highlighted as innovative and conservation-minded as a direct result of her activities. Lisa has truly led the charge in elevating water efficiency to a new level region-wide.”

RWA is a joint powers authority representing 24 water suppliers and affiliates 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. For more information, see www.rwah2o.org.

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