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Regional Water Authority Honors Three Local Managers For Achievements, Service to Water Community

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Regional Water Authority (RWA) has presented its annual Distinguished Service Award to El Dorado Irrigation District General Manager Ane Deister and its Water Statesperson of the Year award to Sacramento Suburban Water District General Manager Rob Roscoe and Carmichael Water District General Manager Steven Nugent.

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 protecting and managing the region's water resources and building cooperative relationships. The awards were presented December 5 at the Authority's annual holiday social.

Deister, who will leave EID later this month after six years as general manager, was honored for forging relationships both inside and outside the water community and for bringing vision and leadership to regional water issues. She serves as vice chair of RWA and was recently elected chair of Region 3 of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). Her lengthy list of contributions includes serving on the California Water Commission, the Governor's Recycled Water Task Force and the National Drought Policy Commission.

Roscoe, who became general manager at Sacramento Suburban in 2003, was honored for his efforts to advance conjunctive use to help ensure a sustainable water supply for the region. He has been instrumental in building alliances and advocating new technology such as aquifer

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storage and recovery. Roscoe is a past chair of RWA and serves on the RWA Executive Committee.

Nugent has been general manager of Carmichael Water District since 2003 and has served the region's water community in various capacities since 1981. He was honored for his proactive leadership on groundwater contamination issues and for spearheading public outreach and technical efforts to protect the region's groundwater. Nugent is active in several water organizations, including ACWA, the American Water Works Association and the Sacramento Water Works Association.

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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