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## **Local Water Leaders Honored for Statesmanship, Service** *Regional Water Authority Recognizes Einar Maisch, Brian Martin, and Rita Sudman*

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – The Regional Water Authority (RWA) has presented awards to three local water leaders for their service and contributions to the Sacramento region at its annual holiday social on December 12, 2013.

RWA has presented its annual Water Statesperson of the Year award to Einar Maisch, Director of Strategic Affairs, from the Placer County Water Agency. In addition, Brian Martin, Director of Technical Services, also with the Placer County Water Agency, and Rita Sudman, Executive Director with the Water Education Foundation received the Authority's Distinguished Service Award for their career contributions to the region's water community.

Mr. Maisch was honored for his leadership on statewide water issues particularly legislative and regulatory issues that affect water rights and entitlements. The award was presented to Mr. Maisch by his wife, Susan Rohan, Mayor of the City of Roseville.

Einar has served as PCWA's Director of Strategic Affairs since the year 2000. In his early years at PCWA, Einar was responsible for managing several large-scale water infrastructure projects including the Penryn/Lincoln pipeline project, the Foothill Water Treatment Plant expansion and the Stanford Ranch treated water infrastructure project to name only a few.

More recently, Einar has provided strategic planning, management and oversight for the Agency's American River Pump Station project, relicensing the Agency's Middle Fork

American River Project and negotiating a new power sale contract and most recently, negotiating a renewal of the Agency's water supply contract from PG&E.

Einar's contributions extend regionally for PCWA. He was a leading voice for the region's water supply reliability and the lower American River ecosystem in the Sacramento Water Forum Agreement and has remained involved throughout the Agreement's implementation. He was instrumental in forming the Regional Water Authority and bringing the principles of integrated water planning and management to the Sacramento region. Over the years he has developed and implemented contractual and strategic relationships with the Agency's wholesale water partners at the San Juan Water District and the Cities of Roseville and Lincoln as well as the Bureau of Reclamation.

He has been a stalwart proponent for the Sacramento region's future economic viability at the State Capital and in Washington DC, working with the area's political representatives to achieve positive results. Most recently, he has brought an honest and candid Northern California perspective to the debate on the future of the Bay-Delta and the operations of the state's water systems.

Mr. David Breninger, General Manager of Placer County Water Agency said, "Both Mr. Maisch and Mr. Martin are exemplary water officials who were recognized by their peers. PCWA is extremely proud of them both."

Mr. Martin began his career with PCWA in 1998 as a Senior Engineer. He was promoted to the position of Director of Technical Services in 2003. As PCWA's Director of Technical Services for the 10 years preceding his retirement, Brian was responsible for overseeing the Engineering and the Water Quality Divisions of the Agency.

During his tenure as Director of Technical Services at PCWA, the Placer County Water Agency completed several significant projects including the American River Pump Station Project, Ophir Pump Station, Loomis Basin Pipeline and replacement & expansion of the Auburn Water Treatment Plant. Under Brian's leadership, PCWA received many regional and state engineering awards.

Most notably, in 2009, Placer County Water Agency received the Project of the Year award from the American Society of Civil Engineers for the American River Pump

Station. Additionally, the L.L. Anderson Spillway Modification Project was awarded the Heavy Civil Construction Project of the Year by the American Society of Civil Engineers in 2011 and by the American Public Works Association in 2012.

Ms. Sudman was unable to attend the event and will be presented her Distinguished Service Award at the Authority's board meeting in January, 2014.

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](http://www.rwah2o.org).

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