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New Board Officers to Lead Award-Winning

Local Water Recycling Agency

DUBLIN – A new Chair and Vice Chair preside over the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) and East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Recycled Water Authority (DERWA). On February 26, 2007, DERWA elected John Coleman, representing EBMUD, as Chair and Daniel Scannell from DSRSD as Vice Chair. Coleman has been a member of the DERWA Board since its inception in 1995, serving as the first Chair and subsequently in 1999 and 2003. Scannell joined the DERWA Board in 2003 and served as Chair in 2004. Richard Halket from DSRSD and Frank Mellon from EBMUD also serve on the DERWA Board.

“This program has come so far in the past eleven years – from idea to implementation to award-winning,” reflected DERWA Chair, John Coleman. “The Board is eager to oversee a second successful year of providing a drought-resistant water supply which keeps our local communities green.”

DERWA's award comes from the California Section of the WaterReuse Association, which announced DERWA as winner in the category of medium-sized Recycled Water Agency of the Year on Monday. According to the Association, DERWA was selected for its commitment to preserve local water resources and promote recycled water use through a collaborative partnership between two agencies, DSRSD and EBMUD.

"We are honored by this recognition," said James Bewley, DERWA Authority Manager, who was present for the Awards Ceremony this week at the WaterReuse Association Conference in Palm Springs, California. "EBMUD and DSRSD have a goal to preserve local water supplies by irrigating landscape with recycled water. It is great to see their hard work and dedication acknowledged."

DERWA provides recycled water to large irrigation customers through the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program (SRVRWP). In 2006, the first year in service, SRVRWP delivered 1,500 acre-feet of recycled water to more than 170 customer sites including schools, parks, roadway medians, golf courses, homeowner association properties, and greenbelts. An acre-foot of water is equivalent to the amount of water it takes to cover a football field to a depth of one foot or the annual indoor and outdoor usage of five people.

DERWA's mission is to provide a safe, reliable, and consistent supply of recycled water, and to maximize the amount of recycled water delivered. For more information about DERWA, please visit www.derwa.org. For more information about the WaterReuse Association, please visit www.watereuse.org.

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