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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Water Agencies Award Grants to Teachers to Conduct Water Awareness Classroom Activities**

The Water Education Water Awareness Committee (WEWAC) has awarded a total of over \$6,000 to local educators to conduct educational activities to increase students' awareness of the importance of water resources.

Nine "Edu-Grants" of up to \$750 each were awarded to:

- ◆ Marlene Stachura of Butterfield Ranch Elementary School in Chino Hills, for her project entitled "Long Standing Fixtures for Lab".
- ◆ Stephen DeFrancis of Telesis Academy in West Covina, for his project entitled "Water Cycle".
- ◆ Teresa Young, Ricardo Montijo, Jon Ball, Robert Reid and Dr. Ann Croissant of the San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy in Glendora, for their project entitled "Why is Water SO Incredible in the San Gabriel Mountains/Watershed?"
- ◆ Harriet Arreguin of Oak Mesa Elementary School in La Verne, for her project entitled "Water is Beautiful".
- ◆ George King of the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) in Pomona, for his project entitled "Field Trip, OC Ground Water replenishment Plant".
- ◆ Russell Okinaka of Montclair High School in Montclair, for his project entitled "Hydro-cation to Improve your Water IQ".
- ◆ Karyn Villa of Nogales High School in La Puente, for her project entitled "Reading/Learning Across the Curriculum".
- ◆ Kathy Grosso and Marilyn Miller of Alvarado Intermediate School in Rowland Heights, for their project entitled "Water Curriculum/Resources for School Library".
- ◆ Gerardo Rosette of Upland Junior High School in Upland, for his project entitled "Futuristic Water".

Our mission is to promote the efficient use of water and to increase public awareness  
of the importance of water in Southern California

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Grant recipients will complete the classroom projects by the end of the 2012-2013 academic year with WEWAC representatives conducting classroom visits in May and June to view the project or receive oral and written reports highlighting project outcomes.

WEWAC is a consortium of conservation professionals representing 15 cities and water agencies located in western San Bernardino County and eastern Los Angeles County, which include the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Glendora, La Verne, Pomona, Upland along with Chino Basin Water Conservation District, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Fontana Water Company, Golden State Water Company, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Monte Vista Water District, Ontario Municipal Utilities Company, Rowland Water District and Three Valleys Municipal Water District.

“In 1986, faced with serious drought conditions throughout California, local water agencies and cities pooled resources in an effort to promote water conservation,” explained Alison Loukeh, WEWAC president and water conservation specialist for the City of Upland. “Since then, the group has actively worked to promote the efficient use of our precious water resources through successful regional education and public information programs,” she added.

In addition to the Edu-Grant program, WEWAC sponsors an annual water conservation media contest, conducts teacher workshops, and participates in educational fairs, and community events. WEWAC also maintains a website, [www.usewaterwisely.com](http://www.usewaterwisely.com), and a “California Friendly®” demonstration garden at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds. For more information, call the WEWAC message center at (909) 931-4238.