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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 grants of nearly \$6,000 to local teachers to conduct classroom activities to increase students' awareness of the importance of water resources.

Eleven "Edu-Grants" of up to \$500 each were awarded to:

- ◆ Gerardo Rosette of Upland Junior High School in Upland, for his project entitled "Futuristic Water".
- ◆ Bridget Gardea of Garey High School in Pomona, for her project entitled "Coliforms & pH & Oxygen, oh my!"
- ◆ Bo Whieldon of Upland High School in Upland, for his project entitled "Upland High School Arboretum Water Efficiency Project".
- ◆ Jennifer McAdams of Upland High School in Upland, for her project entitled "The Awakening: Bridging Water Education Across the Ages".
- ◆ Argy Leyton and Tina Ramsey of Montclair High School in Montclair, for their project entitled "Exploring Heat Energy".
- ◆ Russell Okinaka of Montclair High School in Montclair, for his project entitled "Water Quality at Montclair High School".
- ◆ George King of Career & Technical Education Center in Pomona, for his project entitled "Field Trip to Diamond Valley Lake & Skinner Lake".
- ◆ David Meng of Nogales High School in La Puente, for his project entitled "City Water Field Trip".
- ◆ Steven Ball, Jim Castillo, Stayci Churchill and Marty Duyer of EJ Marshall Elementary School in Chino, for their project entitled "LA County Outdoor Science School".
- ◆ Elaine Skaggs of Upland High School in Upland, for her project entitled "Life in a Fishbowl (Water Filtration)".

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- ◆ Joe Martinez of Rorimer Elementary School in La Puente, for his project entitled "ChiquiNoticias".

Grant recipients will complete the classroom projects by the end of the 2010-2011 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 14 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, 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 Justin Scott-Coe, WEWAC president and public affairs representative at Monte Vista Water District. "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," he added.

In addition to the Edu-Grant program, WEWAC sponsors an annual high school video contest, conducts teacher workshops, and participates in educational fairs, and community events. It 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.