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NORTH COUNTY WASTEWATER AGENCIES RECEIVE TOP HONORS FROM CALIFORNIA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION

Carlsbad, CA – San Elijo Joint Powers Authority, Leucadia Wastewater District, Encina Wastewater Authority and City of Vista/Buena Sanitation District recently received top service honors from a professional organization of their peers, giving credence to the industry leading, cutting-edge wastewater processing techniques being implemented in North San Diego County.

The agencies were recognized at the California Water Environment Association's (CWEA) annual conference that took place April 17-20, 2012, in Sacramento. The organization with more than 9,000 members held an award ceremony where the North County wastewater districts competed against similar agencies statewide to finish as finalists in their respective categories.

Cardiff-by-the-Sea's San Elijo Joint Powers Authority and Carlsbad's Encina Wastewater Authority each received "Plant of the Year" distinctions for their accomplishments in compliance, innovative practices, cost effectiveness and superior plant operation. Carlsbad's Leucadia Wastewater District was recipient of the CWEA's "Collection System of the Year" award - recognition that gives intensive focus to every aspect of a district's wastewater collection system.

In addition to those North County honors, City of Vista/Buena Sanitation District's Chris Dzwigalski received CWEA's "Supervisor of the Year" award for his exemplary

organizational and personal skills in mentoring subordinates, professional development and effective communications between staff and management.

When combined, approximately 500,000 North San Diego County residents now benefit from the award-winning services provided by these agencies. Starting from a north coastal region that includes Carlsbad, Encinitas and Solana Beach and expanding into the inland communities of Vista and San Marcos, the conglomerate of districts work together toward the vision of effectively treating wastewater to protect the environment and local resources in an open, most cost-effective manner possible.

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Established in 1959, Leucadia Wastewater District collects, transports, treats and disposes of wastewater for approximately 60,000 customers in a 16-square-mile area that includes La Costa, Leucadia and the Village Park area of Encinitas. The District disposes of nearly 4 million gallons of treated wastewater and produces nearly 1 million gallons of recycled water daily. District operations maintain a highly technical system of equipment, pump stations and pipelines used to safely transport wastewater to ensure protection of our local wetlands and beaches and the public's health and safety.

The Encina Wastewater Authority (EWA) is a joint powers authority owned by six member agencies: the Cities of Carlsbad, Vista, and Encinitas, and the Leucadia Wastewater District, the Vallecitos Water District and the Buena Sanitation District. EWA owns and operates the Encina Water Pollution Control Facility (EWPCF), which provides wastewater treatment services to approximately 350,000 residential customers, as well as numerous industries, in an approximately 125 square mile service area in North San Diego County. Beyond its primary goal of protecting the Pacific Ocean, EWA strives to operate in a fiscally responsible manner while maximizing the use of alternative and renewable resources.

The San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) protects public health, the coastal environment and the ocean water quality by treating and disposing of wastewater for the Solana Beach, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Olivenhain and Rancho Santa Fe communities. SEJPA owns and operates San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility in Cardiff-by-the-Sea which treats up to 5 million gallons per day of wastewater and is able to produce 2.5 million gallons per day of recycled water. In 2011, the SEJPA recycled more than 345 million gallons which was used to irrigate local landscape, golf courses, school athletic fields, parks and the iconic Del Mar Fairgrounds. Creating sustainable practices and cost effective operations are core principles of the SEJPA.