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El Toro Water District Receives \$87,457 Refund

ETWD demonstrates on-going commitment to safety and efficiency

Lake Forest, CA - El Toro Water District Board of Directors recently accepted a refund check for \$87,457 from the District's insurance provider, the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA). The check represented a partial return of prior years' insurance premiums due to the District's successful efforts to control and reduce property, liability, and workers' compensation losses.

The ACWA/JPIA noted the support the Board had given to the District's management staff and employees in developing and implementing policies and procedures to protect the District's assets and to safeguard the public, as well as District employees, from injury. These efforts not only reduce injury and damage claims; they also improve operating efficiencies and reduce costs for the District's ratepayers.

"I am very pleased with the District's ongoing commitment to effective risk management programs," says Bob Hill, General Manager of El Toro Water District, "and proud of our employees' dedication to safety and efficiency."

The ACWA/JPIA is a partnership of nearly 300 public water agencies in California. These agencies have pooled their resources to provide property and casualty insurance coverage and claims handling, as well as related training and loss control services. This year, the ACWA/JPIA is refunding over \$6 million to its member agencies. For more information: www.acwajpia.com.

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The El Toro Water District is a full service water, wastewater and recycled water district, providing water service across portions of the cities of Aliso Viejo, Lake Forest, Laguna Hills and Mission Viejo and the entire city of Laguna Woods.

Photo caption information: (Left to right) Front row: John S. Dudley (Director), Ted F. Martin (President), Jerard B. Werner (Director), M Scott Goldman (Vice President) and Bob Hill (General Manager). Back row: William H. Kahn (Director), Jerry Gladbach, (ACWA/JPIA Board President) and Walter "Andy" Sells (ACWA/JPIA Operations Officer).