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East Valley Water District Employee Graduates from Prestigious Class *John Drury Participates in Water Leaders Program*

Highland, CA (December 7, 2010) – East Valley Water District (EVWD) is pleased to congratulate John Drury, Lead Water Treatment Plant Operator, for his participation in and completion of the 2010 Water Education Foundation’s William R. Gianelli Water Leaders Class. The Water Education Foundation selects individuals who are dedicated to water issues, display leadership and commitment to public service and pursue advancement within their own organization. This one-year program identifies young community leaders from diverse backgrounds, and provides on-going education about water issues. The class is designed to enhance leadership skills, and prepare participants to take an active, cooperative approach to decision making in their industry. This elite group of 20 class members is comprised of individuals from private business, education, nonprofit and public agencies from across California.

“John’s participation in this prestigious advanced water education project is a great reflection upon his hard work, and the work we do every day here at East Valley Water District,” says Robert E. Martin, EVWD General Manager. “This is another example of how we are always finding ways to better serve our customers and maintain a safe, reliable water supply.”

John Drury has been with EVWD since March of 2004. His primary duties are to ensure EVWD’s water treatment plant is operating properly, including water sample testing. His involvement in this year’s Water Leaders Class is an important part of the ongoing education and training at EVWD.

The rigorous schedule of the Water Leaders Class includes two three-day water industry tours, an executive briefing, and a day “shadowing” a major water leader from either the private or public sector. John’s mentor was Dan McManus, a hydrogeologist with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The Water Leaders Class culminates with a special presentation to the Foundation Board on a water topic assigned to the class. Drury’s class presentation was centered around proving and disproving the myths about groundwater governance.

The Water Leaders Class is named for William R. Gianelli, who served as Director of the California Department of Water Resources from 1967 to 1973, and then as Assistant Secretary for the Army in charge of the Corps of Engineers from 1981 to 1984.

For more information about EVWD call (909) 885-4900 or visit www.eastvalley.org.

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East Valley Water District was formed in 1954 to provide domestic water service to the unincorporated and agricultural-based communities of Highland and East Highlands. Today EVWD provides water and sewer collection services to about 68,000 people in western San Bernardino County. EVWD operates under the direction of a 5-member elected Board. The Mission of East Valley Water District is to provide its customers with a safe and reliable water supply that is delivered at a fair and cost-effective price. More information is available at www.eastvalley.org.

Water Education Foundation is an impartial, nonprofit organization with a mission to create a better understanding of water resources and foster public understanding and resolution of water resource issues through facilitation, education and outreach. More information is available at www.watereducation.org.