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Eastern Municipal Water District encourages student participation in statewide water awareness scholarship program

Perris, CA (January 24, 2006)—Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), along with other California water agencies, is co-sponsoring a water industry scholarship program promoted by the California Water Awareness Campaign (CWAC). The program—Water Scholar 2006—is designed to increase interest among graduating high school, community college and college students in water issues and careers.

The statewide campaign will award two \$2,500 scholarships to students interested in a career in the water industry and who are entering or attending an accredited four-year college or university in California.

EMWD reaches an estimated 65,000 students each year through tours, presentations, printed materials and a theater assembly program.

“By co-sponsoring Water Scholar 2006, EMWD provides students—who might not otherwise have the opportunity—with the chance to become an integral part of the water industry in California,” says Malea Ortloff, EMWD’s education specialist.

Sponsors and recipients of the scholarships will be hosted in May at a special awards presentation during Water Awareness Month activities in Sacramento.

Applicants must be California residents and will be required to complete an application form, prepare an essay and respond to questions about water-related issues. Applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2006. Additional details and application information may be obtained from the CWAC web page: www.wateraware.org or by telephone at (916) 325-2596.

The California Water Awareness Campaign's mission is to increase public awareness about the need for all Californians to use water wisely. Formed in 1987, the Campaign members include some 300 water agencies, farm bureaus, cities, counties and businesses.

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EMWD is the freshwater, wastewater service and recycled water provider to a 555-square mile area from Moreno Valley southward along the I-215 corridor to Temecula and eastward to Hemet and San Jacinto. Approximately 570,000 people live and work in this area. In addition to its own water customers, EMWD supplements water to eight local water agencies and municipalities that have their own water departments. EMWD operates four water reclamation facilities and treats some 40 million gallons of wastewater daily. More information can be found at EMWD's web site www.emwd.org.