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Eastern Municipal Water District a Two-Time Winner of the “Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award”

Perris, CA (November 27, 2007) — The National Purchasing Institute awarded the “Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for 2007” to Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD). This is the second time EMWD’s Purchasing Department has been honored with the award. The Purchasing Department also received the “Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for 2003.”

“The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement provides the EMWD Purchasing staff with a framework for continuous improvement,” said EMWD Purchasing Manager Jeff Wasserman. “It also demonstrates our effort in exceeding the needs of our customers throughout the organization.”

By providing efficient purchasing practices and continuously seeking methods for improvement, EMWD is able to maintain a consistent supply of materials, goods, services, energy, equipment, and support processes which ultimately provides cost-effective, efficient, and responsible service to customers.

The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award is achieved by organizations that demonstrate excellence in procurement by obtaining a high score on a rating of standardized criteria. The program is designed to measure innovation, professionalism, e-procurement,

productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function. The award is sponsored by the National Purchasing Institute, the California Association of Public Purchasing Officers, Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers, the Institute of Supply Management, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, the National Association of State Procurement Officials, and the National Association of Educational Procurement.

Other industry award recipients in southern California included: Cucamonga Valley Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Irvine Ranch Water District, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and Orange County Sanitation District.

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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 660,000 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 45 million gallons of wastewater daily. More information can be found at EMWD's web site www.emwd.org.