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Middle School Students Unveil Their Published Water Conservation Book at a Special Reading to their Former Kindergarten Teachers

Perris, CA (June 15, 2009) — Middle school author and illustrator Lucas Pfeiffer and Kayleigh Frederick will delight their past kindergarten teachers and read “*Gobi’s Adventure*” in front of their former teacher’s classes.

EMWD and RCWD partnered on ‘Write Off’, a pilot writing project for middle school students. The program, offered to Hemet and Temecula students, was partially funded by a grant from Metropolitan Water District and received more than 180 entries. Students were asked to write a story about outdoor water conservation geared toward K-2 and include illustrations. The winner, “*Gobi’s Adventure*,” written by Pfeiffer, is an educational story about a water drop who teaches an evil kid how to conserve water. Frederick was invited to illustrate the story which went through design and was published.

“Seeing the students work on this so diligently and to experience the excitement of them reading their book to younger students is really amazing. These are our water leaders of tomorrow”, says Malea Ortloff, Education Specialist at EMWD.

EMWD and RCWD partnered to bring cross curriculum, cross age learning and teaching techniques to schools within their service areas. “*Gobi’s Adventure*” will be distributed to

elementary schools in the EMWD / RCWD service areas in September 2009. A flannel board presentation will also be available to teachers starting in the 2009/2010 school year.

To view the book, log onto <http://www.emwd.org/learning/index.html> or for more information about EMWD's education program, please visit us on the web at http://www.emwd.org/learning/educator_resources.html or by phone, 951.928.3777 ext 4405.

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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 675,000 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. Nearly 80 percent of the freshwater supplied by EMWD comes from imported sources. 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.