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**ORANGE COUNTY WATER AND SANITATION AGENCIES' BOARD LEADERSHIP  
RECOGNIZED BY THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA)**

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif.** (Oct. 3, 2008) — The Orange County Water District (OCWD) and the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) were honored recently by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). In an unprecedented move, the CSDA co-awarded its Board President of the Year to two presidents: OCSD Board Chair Doug Davert and OCWD Board President Steve Sheldon because of the agencies' partnership constructing the Groundwater Replenishment (GWR) System. It was the first time CSDA recognized two presidents in the same year for the award.

The award recognizes the agencies and their Board leadership for the collaborative effort and leadership required to jointly construct the GWR System, a state-of-the-art water recycling facility that became fully operational in January 2008. The GWR System is the world's largest advanced water purification facility of its kind, serving as a model for global water recycling projects.

"I am honored to share in this award that recognizes our significant partnership," said Sheldon. "But I would be remiss if I did not recognize our past Board President and long-standing Chairman of the GWR System Steering Committee Phil Anthony. His dedication to this project is an inspiration to me and the other members of our Board."

The GWR System is a joint project of the OCWD and OCSD that takes highly treated sewer water and purifies it through a three-step purification process that includes microfiltration, reverse osmosis and ultraviolet light with hydrogen peroxide, resulting in near-distilled quality water. The facility produces enough water to meet the needs of 500,000 people in northern and central Orange County.

"This award is another confirmation of the outstanding partnership between the Orange County Sanitation District and the Orange County Water District," added OCSD Chairman Doug Davert. "Much of the credit goes to former OCSD Chair Jim Ferryman and the previous Board leadership at OCWD. Their contributions were instrumental in the successful launch of the GWR System and they are definitely worthy of sharing in this honor."

For more information about the Groundwater Replenishment System, call the Orange County Water District at (714) 378-3200 or go to [www.gwrssystem.com](http://www.gwrssystem.com).

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**About Orange County Water District**

Orange County Water District (OCWD) manages the large groundwater basin that underlies north-central Orange County that provides most of the water for more than 2.3 million citizens. OCWD is committed to enhancing Orange County's groundwater quality and reliability in an environmentally friendly manner. With years of prudent planning and careful investment, OCWD has doubled the sustainable yield of the groundwater basin. OCWD is a special district established by the California State legislature in 1933 and governed by a 10-member board of directors. Separate from the County of Orange, OCWD supplies water to residents in the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Orange, Placentia, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster and Yorba Linda. Go to [www.ocwd.com](http://www.ocwd.com) for information.

**About Orange County Sanitation District**

The Orange County Sanitation District is a public agency responsible for safely collecting and treating wastewater (sewage) for 2.5 million people. OCSD beneficially reuses and recycles the treated wastewater and other resources resulting from the treatment process. It is a special district established by the California State legislature and governed by a 25-member board of directors. The directors are comprised of elected representatives for each of the sewer agencies or cities within OCSD's 471-square mile service area. Go to [www.ocsd.com](http://www.ocsd.com) for information.