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Subject: Carmichael Water District General Manager Steve Nugent Honored for Excellence in Water Leadership

CARMICHAEL, CA – On May 9, 2018, The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) presented its 2018 Excellence in Water Leadership Award to Carmichael Water District (District) General Manager Steve Nugent for his leadership and commitment to collaborative regional integrated water management resulting in the protection of local water resources. ACWA’s Excellence in Water Leadership Award – Building a World of Difference® recognizes individuals (and groups of individuals) who have made a remarkable and visible contribution to California water.

With over 36 years of experience in the water industry, Steve’s leadership, straightforward approach and honesty have gained the trust and respect of his employees, peers, the Carmichael Community, the regulatory and legislative community, the Sacramento regional water suppliers, regional water and environmental organizations, and both state and national associations. Steve excels in District and regional team building by providing key direction and detailed management. He works diligently toward the goals while coaching, teaching and participating in the process along the way. Many of Steve’s progressive ideas were implemented at the District and have become the standard or model for other organizations.

When faced with regional water reliability issues, Steve has been instrumental in spearheading several joint cooperative efforts with Aerojet Rocketdyne Corporation through implementing innovative public/private partnerships for funding infrastructure improvements. With the completion of one such effort, the American River Pipeline Conveyance Project, Steve brought energy, enthusiasm and experience toward a proactive regional solution. Steve’s efforts not only ensured a clean water supply for neighboring Golden State Water Company customers, it also provided an additional water supply for the District to help ensure future drought reliability. In addition the project included extensive restoration along the American River restoring vital environment assets. His global vision, spirit of cooperation, creativity and dedication to the District, community and region continue to lengthen the substantial list of achievements within the District, the region and California water as a whole.

The award, sponsored by Black & Veatch Corporation, was presented during ACWA’s 2018 Spring Conference & Exhibition in Sacramento where more than 1,300 local water officials gathered for programs and panel discussions on a variety of key water issues.