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UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT ERANIO
RECEIVES
ASSOCIATION OF WATER AGENCIES VENTURA COUNTY (AWA)
2017 AWA AWARD

***Water Executive is Recognized for Over 20 Years of Dedicated Service and Leadership
in Addressing the Water Resource Issues Vital to the Future Prosperity of
Ventura County***

September 25, 2017 Santa Paula, CA -- United Water Conservation District (UWCD), the special district tasked with managing, protecting, conserving and enhancing the water resources of the Santa Clara River Valley and Oxnard Plain, is proud to announce its Board of Directors’ Vice President Robert Eranio was honored by the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWA) for his leadership in addressing water resource issues vital to the future prosperity of Ventura County. The prestigious award was presented by AWA Board President Joe Gibson during the AWA’s 22nd annual Elected Officials and Members Reception last Thursday night, September 21, 2017, at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley with more than 300 people in attendance.

Comprised of leaders representing various water related entities, including agriculture, municipalities, water purveyors, small systems, industrial water users, private business, concerned citizens, and students in the Ventura County region, the AWA is committed to its mission of developing and encouraging cooperation among entities for the development, protection, conservation and improvement of the total water resources for Ventura County

In recognizing Eranio’s service and leadership, AWA President Joe Gibson said, “Robert has been actively engaged in practically every facet of water management and sustainability in Ventura County for over two decades. His knowledge, experience and passion for collaborative resolution of complex water issues are a benefit for all involved.”

“Robert’s keen understanding of the myriad water issues challenging Ventura County’s agricultural industry as well as the health and wellbeing of its more than 400,000 residents, is testament of his commitment to public service as well as to the sustainability of clean water resources for this community,” added UWCD’s Board President Bruce E. Dandy. “I am proud to serve with him on the UWCD Board and am confident in his abilities as I look to pass the presidency of that Board on to him next year.”

“I am very fortunate to have found a field that I love and truly enjoy working alongside so many smart, dedicated people who share my passion for protecting, preserving and enhancing the water resources of Ventura County for today and well into the future,” responded Eranio.

Eranio currently serves as vice president of the UWCD Board of Directors, a position he has held since 2015. Representing constituents in UWCD’s Division 3, which includes a portion of the City of Ventura, Eranio first served on the Board of Directors from December 1998 to November 2000,



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representing Division 2. After a brief interruption, he returned to the Board to represent Division 3 in December 2002. He has also served as Board President from January 2008 to 2011. His current term expires December 1, 2018.

In March of 2017, Eranio was also elected to represent UWCD on the Board of Directors for Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, the public agency established by the State Legislature in 1982 to preserve and manage groundwater resources within the areas or lands overlying the Fox Canyon aquifer for the common benefit of the public and all agricultural, domestic, and municipal and industrial users. In this role, Eranio contributes to the regulatory review of all groundwater extraction facilities, developing "safe yield" policies, and preventing or eliminating sea water intrusion by setting demand side extraction limits for all groundwater wells within the agency boundaries.

Additionally, Eranio serves as president and owner of Robert's Associated Water, an independent consultancy and contracting firm that specializing in operations, maintenance, and cross-connection control, providing contracted operations to small (<1000 service connections) private water utilities. He also currently serves as vice president of the Montalvo Community Services District and is also involved with the State Water Resources Control Board's water operator certification program.

Previously, Eranio has held management positions with various water-related agencies, including as General Manager of Crestview Mutual Water for some 22 years, serving 618 water service accounts in the Los Posas Estates area of Camarillo; and two years as Water and Solid Waste Superintendent for the City of Port Hueneme. Eranio holds numerous certifications including a State Water Resources Control Board Water Treatment Operator Grade 5, Water Distribution Operator Grade 5, California and Nevada Cross-Connection Control Specialist and Certified Backflow Assembly Tester for Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

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About Association of Water Agencies Ventura County

The Association of Water Agencies Ventura County (AWA) is committed to its mission of developing and encouraging cooperation among entities for the development, protection, conservation and improvement of the total water resources for Ventura County. Formed in 1976 to provide a forum for the exchange of information on local and regional water issues, AWA is governed by a 20-member board of directors comprised of leaders representing various water related entities in our region (agriculture, municipalities, water purveyors, small systems, industrial water users, private business, concerned citizens, students, etc.). AWA holds regular meetings and special events as a means to disseminate information, and encourage discussion and innovative solutions to water issues facing Ventura County.

About United Water Conservation District (UWCD)

Since 1927, United Water Conservation District, situated in central Ventura County, has distinguished itself as a leader among water agencies by conserving and enhancing the water resources of the Santa Clara River and Oxnard Coastal Plain, while working to protect the environment's natural attributes. The District conserves runoff from all major tributaries of the Santa Clara River within its boundaries, including Piru, Hopper, Sespe, and Santa Paula Creeks. Without these efforts, much of this valuable water would simply flow out to sea.

Committed to managing the area's water supplies through groundwater replenishment and through the construction and operation of efficient water supply and delivery systems, today the District serves as the conservator of groundwater resources that are utilized by the cities of Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Santa Paula, and Fillmore, as well as several mutual water districts and numerous farms and individual pumpers. It also provides surface water for agricultural irrigation and provides treated drinking water to the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme. For more information, visit <http://www.unitedwater.org>