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## UNITED WATER HYDROGEOLOGIST NAMED ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT Dan Detmer to Lead California Central Coast Groundwater Resources Association

**Santa Paula, CA** -- Dan Detmer, United Water Conservation District's Supervising Hydrogeologist, was recently elected President of the Central Coast branch of the Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRAC). He previously served as the Association's branch treasurer.

The Central Coast branch represents Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties. GRAC is dedicated to resource management that protects and improves groundwater supply and quality through education and technical leadership.

During his 23 years with United Water, Detmer helped develop the District's water level and water quality monitoring programs that now provide critical information to policymakers. He remains active with many of the water quality issues in the area, including saline intrusion in coastal areas and both chloride and nitrate issues in inland areas. Detmer served as the lead hydrogeologist for mapping aquifers in the Santa Clara River Valley and on the Oxnard coastal plain for the development of United's groundwater flow model.

Detmer currently serves on the Technical Advisory Group for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, and is supporting development of Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Mound, Fillmore and Piru basins.

Detmer earned his Master's degree in Geology from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in 1995 and is a licensed Professional Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist in California.

## United Water Conservation District: Who we are, what we do and why it matters:

Since 1927, United Water Conservation District has served as a leader among water agencies by managing, protecting, enhancing and securing the water resources of the Santa

Clara River and Oxnard Coastal Plain. The District works to protect the environment's natural attributes and conserves runoff from all major tributaries of the Santa Clara River including Piru, Hopper, Sespe and Santa Paula Creeks.

United Water Conservation District is committed to managing the area's water supplies through groundwater replenishment and construction and operation of efficient water supply and delivery systems. 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, farms and individual pumpers. United Water also provides surface water for agricultural irrigation and treated drinking water to the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme. **UnitedWater.org.** 

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