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CVWD Recognized for Leading by Example **Landscape Retrofit Demonstrates Water Efficiency**

Rancho Cucamonga, CA (March 15, 2013)- On March 12, 2013, the Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD/District) Board of Directors was presented with the American Society of Landscape Architects Southern California Chapter Merit Award for Sustainable Practices. CVWD received the Award for Phase I of its administrative campus landscape retrofit, which was completed in 2012.

The former CVWD landscape included turf and non-efficient plantings. In an effort to demonstrate to the community the ideas and concepts the District promotes, CVWD began the landscape retrofit in 2008 in order to be more water efficient. This retrofit included the removal of high-water use turf and the installation of low-water use turf alternatives and artificial turf; the replacement of water intensive plants with California natives and low-water use plants; and the installation of a bioswale to capture all runoff and rain to replenish the groundwater basins.

"The Cucamonga Valley Water District has shown itself as a true innovator and leader when it comes to demonstrating water efficiency," commented Richard Krumwiede, President of Architerra Design Group, Inc., the landscape designer on the CVWD campus retrofit. "This project has many different elements that can be integrated into a residential or commercial site. It is a great example of landscape efficiency for the community."



Cucamonga Valley Water District Board of Directors and General Manager/CEO receive the American Society of Landscape Architects Southern California Chapter Merit Award

As noted, the completed landscape is the first phase of a five phase retrofit. Future phases of the landscape retrofit are not yet scheduled, but will include removing additional high-water use plants, lawn, and shrubs, and installing low-water use plants, turf, and decomposed granite pathways. Additionally, efficient irrigations systems and techniques will be used.

For more information about CVWD and for water-efficient landscaping ideas, please visit www.cvwdwater.com or call (909) 987-2591.

About CVWD

The Cucamonga Valley Water District delivers high quality, reliable drinking water to the City of Rancho Cucamonga, portions of Upland, Ontario and Fontana, and some unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County. The District maintains an extensive sewage collection system for residential, commercial and industrial users. The District serves 190,000 customers within a 47 square mile area, which includes 49,500 water connections and 38,000 sewer connections