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El Toro Water District Recognizes General Manager's Distinguished Career

ETWD celebrates Bob Hill's 35-year career at the District

Lake Forest, CA – Over the past 35 years, El Toro Water District General Manager, Bob Hill, has witnessed vast changes in the water industry, most notably related to water supply. Hill has navigated El Toro Water District (ETWD) through regulatory restrictions, environmental issues, water storage projects, District reorganizations, water cutbacks and consecutive years of below-average rainfall. Through it all, Hill has emerged as a strategic and innovative leader who has earned the respect of community leaders, business colleagues, customers and employees.

Hill began his career with ETWD in May 1974 as an employee of the Rossmoor Water and Sanitation Company, which was renamed the Laguna Hills Water and Sanitation Company in 1977. ETWD purchased the assets of the Laguna Hills Water and Sanitation Company in 1983 and re-hired Hill as the Operations Superintendent.

During the next 15 years, Hill served as Operations Manager, Assistant General Manager and Acting General Manager. In August 2001, Hill was appointed by the Board of Directors to serve as El Toro's General Manager.

Hill's distinguished career includes many accomplishments, including the regionalization and expansion of the El Toro Reservoir, which increased total water storage capacity to 275 million gallons. The El Toro Reservoir is the largest covered drinking water reservoir in Orange County. As General Manager, Hill oversees and manages a comprehensive system of water, wastewater and recycled water infrastructure to reliably meet the water demands of the District's 51,000 customers.

In 2007, with Hill's guidance and direction, ETWD was awarded the District of Distinction accreditation by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF). One of 3,400 special

districts in California, ETWD is the first independent special district to receive this important accreditation by SDF. District of Distinction is one of the most prestigious awards in local government in the State of California. The accreditation validated ETWD's commitment to good governance, and to ethical and sound operating practices.

Today, Hill is utilizing his years of experience locally and regionally to meet new water supply reduction goals, to restructure water rates and to assist customers in finding new ways to manage their water usage.

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The mission of the El Toro Water District is to provide its customers a safe, adequate and reliable supply of water and wastewater service in an environmentally and economically responsible way. El Toro Water District supplies water to the city of Laguna Woods and portions of the cities of Lake Forest, Laguna Hills, Mission Viejo and Aliso Viejo.