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El Toro Water District Employee Selected as Industry Committee Chairperson

Lake Forest, CA – El Toro Water District employee, Ralph Palomares was recently named Chairperson of the Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP) Collection Systems Committee. Palomares previously held this position in 2008 and 2009.

SCAP is a non-profit corporation organized to help ensure that regulations affecting publicly owned treatment works and collection systems are reasonable and in the best interest of the public. The Collection Systems Committee is one of SCAP's six advisory committees that review new and revised environmental regulations that affect the wastewater industry.

As El Toro Water District's Industrial Waste Inspector and Sewer Collection System Supervisor, Palomares oversees the Collections department and is responsible for the maintenance of 142 miles of sewer lines. The maintenance processes include: root treatment, adhering to the Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) regulations, sewer line cleaning and using a camera to regularly inspect the sewer lines. Palomares has worked for El Toro Water District for 30 years and is highly respected and recognized in the industry for his knowledge of wastewater collection and treatment systems.

In addition to serving as Chairperson for SCAP, Palomares is also the Collections Chairperson for the Santa Ana River Basin Section of the California Water Environment Association, and an active member of the Orange County Waste Discharge Requirements Committee.

For more information about El Toro Water District and its wastewater treatment facility, please visit www.etwd.com or call 949.837.7050.

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The El Toro Water District is a full service water, wastewater and recycled water district, providing water service across portions of the cities of Aliso Viejo, Lake Forest, Laguna Hills and Mission Viejo and the entire city of Laguna Woods.