

## **Press Release for California Rural Water Association**

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### **Martin Damwyk Wins California Rural Water Association's Water Operator of the Year Award**

Sacramento, CA – May 7, 2009 – Martin Damwyk, Operations and Maintenance Manager for the Vandenburg Village Community Services District, has been awarded Water Operator of the Year by the California Rural Water Association. The award distinguishes Mr. Damwyk as an individual willing to undertake any task necessary to successfully manage the district's water system and to go above and beyond in his commitment to the system and its constituents.

In 1990 Vandenburg Village Community Services District hired Martin as its first field supervisor. The early years of the community services district were difficult, but Martin laid the foundation for a cohesive four-member field crew. He not only kept operations running smoothly but started thinking ahead to gradually improve ailing facilities and infrastructure. During his combined 34 years of service with the Park Water Company and the Vandenburg Village Community Services District, Martin has been directly responsible for treating and distributing over 17 billion gallons of drinking water through 2400 service connections and collecting over 7 billion gallons of wastewater for a community of 6,000 people.

The Water Operator of the Year Award recognizes Mr. Damwyk's commitment and dedication to his job and to the Vandenburg Village Community Services District.

California Rural Water Association (CRWA), an affiliate of the National Rural Water Association, is a nonprofit organization representing the over 9,000 water and wastewater systems in California. CRWA is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in small communities by providing training, technical assistance, and representation, the association strives to recognize those individuals and organizations presenting excellence in their fields.

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