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San Dimas, CA. --- May 8, 2006 – In celebration of Water Awareness Month, Golden State Water Company (GSWC) will host the Water Awareness Celebration - a free and fun water education event. The celebration is slated for Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Palms Park, 12305 207<sup>th</sup> Street in Lakewood, California; off of Norwalk and Del Amo Blvd.

The celebration, in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, is a community event for the whole family featuring food, musical entertainment, water and environmental games, prizes (including t-shirts designed by GSWC employees and their families), water conservation information, clowns, face painting and a GSWC information booth. Other agencies participating in this event include the California Water Association, Central Basin Municipal Water District, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santiago Canyon College, City of Lakewood Parks and Recreation and Water Replenishment District of Southern California.

Attendees at the event will learn from where their drinking water comes, how their water is monitored and tested to ensure provision of the highest quality of water, conservation tips, reasons why they should conserve this precious resource and what they can do to become good stewards of the environment - all in a fun and interactive way.

The celebration hosts a variety of informational booths and fun interactive games. Following is a listing of some of the booths and activities:

- **Edible Aquifer:** Children and adults alike learn about the layers of an aquifer (groundwater) by making an "edible aquifer" out of lemon-lime soda, ice cream, ice and sprinkles.
- **Pumping Water:** In a game of strength, players race against each other to see who can pump water the fastest. This activity shows the enormous amount of power (strength) it takes to pump water to local homes and businesses.
- **Read the Meter:** Time is ticking as participants play against the clock and each other as they learn to read water meters. Participants learn the importance of meter readers and the time it takes to correctly read a meter.
- **Water Quality demonstration:** Visitors to this booth learn how water is tested, how to dispose of waste properly and the steps taken to ensure that the water served meets and exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards.

- Water Loss and Detection demonstration: Look for leaks with high-tech equipment that lets you hear when there is water leaking underground. This demonstration will show the equipment used when GSWC employees search for water loss in meters, water mains, hydrants and irrigation systems.

The celebration is a community-based event featuring local businesses and organizations. All organizations have come together with the common goal of water education and conservation. Last year's event drew more than 1,200 participants. For more information, please contact Rebecca Long at (714) 535 7711 x234 or via email at [rebeccalong@gswater.com](mailto:rebeccalong@gswater.com).

**About Golden State Water Company**

Golden State Water Company (GSWC) is a regulated public utility operating in California and is a subsidiary of American States Water Company (AWR). Established in 1929, GSWC provides water service to 1 out of 30 Californians located within 75 communities throughout 10 counties in Northern, Coastal and Southern California.

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