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### **TONY FELLOW NAMED FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR**

Dr. Tony Fellow, vice president of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, was recently selected as a 2007 Fulbright Scholar and will receive one of the most prestigious appointments by the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board.

He will be a distinguished lecturer-chair at the University of Piemonte in Milan, Italy and will hold the Vercelli chair of the Twentieth Century History of Communications.

Fellow joins an esteemed list of Fulbright alumni which includes heads of state, ambassadors, cabinet ministers, university presidents and United States Presidents. Former President Bill Clinton is the most recent chief executive to have been a Fulbright scholar.

Congress created the Fulbright scholarship in 1946 to promote a mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Fulbright scholars are selected by a commission appointed by the president of the United States.

Fellow has served on the Upper District Board of Directors since 1991. In addition Fellow is the Upper District's representative on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, where he chairs the communications and legislation committee. Through Fellow's role at the Upper District and Metropolitan he has been strong advocate for water recycling projects, conservation and the use of native and California Friendly landscapes.

He also has served as an alternate on the San Gabriel Valley Water Quality Authority, an organization responsible for the cleanup of one of the nations most contaminated underground water supplies. In 1995 he was appointed to the Los Angeles County Water Appeals board by Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina. He retired from the El Monte City Council after serving two terms as vice mayor and councilman.

In addition to his work in the water industry, Fellow chairs the Cal State Fullerton Department of Communications and is an adjunct professor of Journalism at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School of Communication. He has written numerous books including *News Writing in a Multimedia World*, the nation's best-selling media textbook.

Before entering university teaching, he was a reporter, political columnist, and city editor for 10 years with the San Gabriel Valley Tribune. He covered the presidencies of Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter for the Thomson Newspapers. He continues to write newspaper columns on politics and water issues.

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*The Upper District provides wholesale water service to 17 cities in the San Gabriel Valley. Nearly 1 million people live and work in the Upper District's 144 square mile service area. In 2005, the Upper District delivered more than 45,000 acre feet (approximately 15 billion gallons) of treated, untreated, and recycled water for municipal, industrial and irrigation uses in the San Gabriel Valley.*