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## **WATERFEST 2016 TO HONOR THREE LEADERS AS POLICYMAKERS OF THE YEAR** *Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Hosts Annual WaterFest*

**MONROVIA, CA** – Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) is partnering with the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation to host WaterFest 2016. WaterFest is a community outreach event focused on educating residents on water conservation and environmental stewardship.

Upper District will honor three policymakers who have made a significant impact on water-related policy and legislation. Senator Bob Huff, Senator Carol Liu and Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich will receive the San Gabriel Valley Water Smart Award for their focus on water sustainability and support of water conservation projects.

“Honoring these elected officials is our way of thanking them for leadership and efforts in developing sound water policy for the San Gabriel Valley,” said Upper District Board President Bryan Urias. “WaterFest is the perfect community event and we can’t think of a better time to express our appreciation for these policymakers that have dedicated many years of service to their communities.”

Upper District is also honoring Miller Coors with the San Gabriel Valley Water Smart Business of the Year award. Based in Irwindale, the Miller Coors facility has made significant strides in implementing water conservation best practices, such as turf removal, that will significantly reduce their outdoor landscaping water usage.

Over 50 exhibitor booths focused on water sustainability and environmental stewardship will be set up to educate and entertain residents of all ages. There will be food trucks, raffle prizes, activities and giveaways. Waterfest will also have cheer competition for the LA County Parks and Recreation Department’s cheerleading teams. Over 500 cheerleaders will participate and each team will have one minute to perform a water conservation-themed cheer. The top three teams will receive a 2016 WaterFest trophy.

The event will be held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm at Arcadia County Park, located at 405 S. Santa Anita Ave. Arcadia.

*Upper District’s mission is to provide a reliable, sustainable, diversified and affordable portfolio of high quality water supplies to the San Gabriel Valley; including water conservation, recycled water, storm water capture, storage, water transfers and imported water. Upper District services nearly one million people in its 144 square mile service territory. Governed by a five member elected board of directors, Upper District is a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Annually, more than 78 billion gallons of water is used in Upper District’s service area. For more information about Upper District, please visit our website [www.upperdistrict.org](http://www.upperdistrict.org) or call 626-443-2297.*

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