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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Attention Educators! Upper District Opens Application Period for the Water Education Grant Program**

**MONROVIA, CA** – The Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) is pleased to announce the opening of the application process for the Water Education Grant Program (WEGP) for the 2021/2022 school year. This grant program is open to all K-12 teachers at any licensed school within Upper District’s service area.

Through this program, Upper District provides funding of up to \$1,000 for water related projects. Projects must focus on subjects that further students’ understanding of water stewardship, water use-efficiency, and groundwater sustainability in a unique and meaningful way.

The first round of WEGP applications for the 2021/2022 school year are due by 4:00 p.m. November 12, 2021. Completed applications must be saved and submitted as a PDF document. Hardcopy (paper) applications will not be accepted. Please see application for complete details, conditions, and guidelines which can be accessed by visiting [www.upperdistrict.org/education-programs/](http://www.upperdistrict.org/education-programs/). Qualifying projects will be notified of their award status by December 1, 2021.

“This program is another way that we at Upper District can help support our local schools and students,” said Board President Ed Chavez. “We are very excited to see the creative projects our local educators bring forward and how they go about furthering students’ understanding of water and its importance.”

Since the inception of this grant program, over 108 schools have been awarded grants and have successfully implemented innovative and creative projects into the science curriculum through hands-on activities. In total, the program has impacted approximately 17,000 students and has provided 169 grants equaling \$145,000 in funding. Among the projects funded are the effectiveness of water filters, water efficient gardens and water quality studies in their local community.

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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