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Paul Grundemann Posthumously Honored by Denver Regional Council of Governments

The late Paul Grundemann, former director of operations for Centennial Water & Sanitation District, was honored with a Distinguished Service Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The award was presented to his wife Theresa Grundemann by Arapahoe County Commissioner and DRCOG Chair Rod Bockenfeld at the regional council's 2010 Awards of Excellence Dinner, held April 28 at the Infinity Park Event Center in Glendale.

The award recognizes Mr. Grundemann's commitment and leadership to the region and state on water quality issues throughout his long and distinguished career. This is Mr. Grundemann's second Distinguished Service Award from DRCOG. He first received the honor in 1994.

A 26-year employee of Centennial Water, Grundemann died in January after a brief illness. He was the first employee to be hired by Centennial Water, and was instrumental in the development and delivery of water and wastewater services for Highlands Ranch.

Grundemann used innovative and pioneering approaches to serve water and wastewater customers. He implemented the use of aquifer storage and recovery (ASR), which has been a successful water storage strategy for Centennial Water for many years. Grundemann also developed the application of GIS for water and wastewater infrastructure, he managed a sophisticated energy conservation program that dramatically reduced energy consumption from the water and wastewater

plants in Highlands Ranch. He also oversaw the design and construction of many in-house projects that not only protected water quality, but also saved Centennial Water hundreds of thousands of dollars.

A long-time water and wastewater professional, Grundemann also served as a leader on a number of statewide commissions, councils and committees. He was appointed by Governor Bill Owens as a commissioner on the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission. He was also active with the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), the Colorado Wastewater Utility Council and South Platte Coalition for Urban River Evaluation (CURE) among many others.

Distinguished Service Awards are presented to individuals who contribute outstanding efforts to the Denver region and its communities, and to DRCOG's programs and activities. The council has been honoring outstanding achievements for more than 30 years.

Over the past 30 years, Centennial Water has built a reliable and highly-respected water portfolio, based on a conjunctive use system, to serve its customers. Its major water source is surface water from the South Platte River, supplemented with groundwater from deep aquifer wells throughout Highlands Ranch.

For more information about Centennial Water & Sanitation District, which serves Highlands Ranch, please visit www.highlandsranch.org, or call 303-791-0430.

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