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## LVMWD Board Honors Sumac School Teacher As “Citizen of the Month”

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December 4, 2008 - CALABASAS, CA –The Board of Directors of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) will honor Ginger Bistrow, a fourth grade teacher at Sumac Elementary School in Agoura Hills as its December “Citizen of the Month.”

Mrs. Bistrow is being recognized for her extensive commitment to water conservation as part of the education she shares with her students throughout the school year. Her recognition is part of the water district’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary program of honoring significant achievements and will occur at 5 pm on Tuesday December 9, at the regularly scheduled LVMWD Board meeting.

For more than ten years, Mrs. Bistrow has taken a proactive role in educating students on the importance of conservation and the stewardship of water resources, which are irreplaceable. At one point, she requested that her job duties be redefined to include an allotment of time devoted to the water district’s annual water awareness poster contest, seeing that program as an opportunity for her students to artistically convey their understanding of water conservation practices.

Mrs. Bistrow has also worked with other faculty members to build and sustain participation in the annual poster contest to nearly 100 percent among Sumac students. Through the years, several of the Sumac student artworks have been selected for publication on calendars produced locally by LVMWD and on a regional level by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

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“It’s most fitting for the District to honor Mrs. Bistrow for her commitment to water conservation education,” said Jimmie Cho, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach for LVMWD. “The values children learn not only last a lifetime, but those same students are often the agents for changing water-use habits among their families and friends at a time when water conservation is critically needed.”

LVMWD serves some 65,000 residents in the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village and surrounding unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

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### **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

**Event: LVMWD Board Meeting**

**When: 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 9**

**Where: LVMWD Headquarters, 4232 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas**

**What: Mrs. Ginger Bistrow, fourth grade teacher at Sumac Elementary School will be honored with a proclamation and recognized for her significant accomplishments in water conservation education.**