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CITY OF L.A. RECEIVES NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

National Association of Clean Water Agencies Honors the Biosolids (Bio-slurry) Injection - Terminal Island Renewable Energy Project and Multi-Agency “No Drugs Down the Drain” Campaign

LOS ANGELES (April 3, 2008)—The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation has been selected to receive two National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) National Environmental Achievement Awards in the category of public information and education. The NACWA awards are presented to the “Biosolids (Bio-slurry) Injection – Terminal Island Renewable Energy Project” and the “*No Drugs Down the Drain*” public education campaign.

“The National Environmental Achievement Awards demonstrate the city’s commitment to shaping a better quality of life through proactive environmental stewardship,” said Cynthia M. Ruiz, president of the Board of Public Works. “This national recognition highlights the city’s commitment to operating our biosolids program in the public’s interest. The program effectively utilizes our communication tools with our public engagements to uphold the national standards and practices that keep the public informed.”

NACWA member agencies and individuals, that have made outstanding contributions to the clean water community and environmental protection, are recognized annually for this prestigious award.

“For more than twelve-years the city of Los Angeles has maintained an environmentally sound biosolids program that meets and exceeds all enforceable local, state and federal regulations,” said Enrique C. Zaldivar, director of the Bureau of Sanitation. “The city’s biosolids management program is nationally recognized and has received the highest achievement for biosolids management and environmental stewardship from the National Biosolids Partnership. We are honored by this NACWA recognition of the Terminal Island Renewable Energy Project also known as T.I.R.E.”

The Bureau of Sanitation is recognized in a second award submitted by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD). The “*No Drugs Down the Drain*” public education campaign, designed to

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alert residents of the problems and alternate disposal methods for unused, unwanted and expired medications, will receive a National Environmental Achievement Award for its excellence in public information and education. LACSD is joined by the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and Orange County Sanitation District in this recognition.

The awards will be presented at the NACWA Summer Conference and 38th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at the Hilton Anchorage in Anchorage, Alaska. The National Environmental Achievement Awards are sponsored by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies in Washington, DC.

For more information on the Bureau of Sanitation’s award-winning contributions to clean water, environmental protection and wastewater management, visit www.lacity.org/san. For information about the city’s Biosolids Management System, visit www.lacity.org/san/biosolidsems.

About National Association of Clean Water Agencies

NACWA represents the interests of more than 300 public agencies and organizations that have made the pursuit of scientifically based, technically sound and cost effective laws and regulations their objective. NACWA members serve the majority of the sewered population in the United States and collectively treat and reclaim more than 18 billion gallons of wastewater daily. For more information, visit www.nacwa.org.

About Board of Public Works

The five-commissioner Board of Public Works manages the Department of Public Works, the City’s third largest municipal division focused on the essential needs of residents for a better quality of life and environmental protection. With a \$559 million operating budget, the department awards more than \$500 million in public service contracts annually that provide for the construction, renovation, and operation of public programs and services including: municipal buildings and treatment facilities; streets, street lights, and urban forest; bridges and sidewalks; sewers and storm drains; integrated solid waste management and recycling; graffiti removal and beautification grants. The Board is committed to the delivery of quality customer service, to help neighborhoods thrive and benefit from healthier living and working environments. For more information, visit www.lacity.org/bpw.

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