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CITY HONORED WITH CALIFORNIA'S PRESTIGIOUS FLEX YOUR POWER AWARD

San Francisco, CA—December 15, 2008— Flex Your Power, California's statewide energy efficiency campaign, has recognized City of El Segundo as a leader in water conservation with an Honorable Mention in the 6th Annual Flex Your Power Award. A total of 41 winners were selected from several hundred applicants for outstanding leadership in energy efficiency. Cumulatively, award winners over the last two years have saved more than \$172 million, one billion kilowatt hours and reduced greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to removing more than 80,000 cars from the road.

Many people are not aware that the energy required to pump water from the north and over the Tehachapi Mountains into Southern California is nearly 3,200 kWh per acre foot. Recycling water locally requires closer to 900 kWh per acre foot, resulting in an energy savings of about 2,500 kWh per acre foot. The City of El Segundo made a commitment to purchase recycled water from West Basin Municipal Water District recycling facility in El Segundo for irrigation and other non-potable needs. Today over 50% of the water used by the City of El Segundo is recycled, and we effectively saved over 22,000,000 kWh of electricity over the period July 1 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Of the award winners, Director Walter McGuire of Flex Your Power said, "The awards present an opportunity for California to congratulate the leadership shown by this year's Flex Your Power award winners who have demonstrated that we can all save money and the environment. By reducing their energy use, this year's Flex Your Power award winners have saved more than \$30 million and reduced global warming emissions equivalent to taking 40,250 cars off the road."

In addition to the California Public Utilities Commission, Flex Your Power Award winners were selected by senior representatives from the California Independent System Operator, California Energy Commission, California Urban Water Conservation Council, League of California Cities, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Building Owners and Managers Association, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, and Southern California Edison.

For more information on the 6th Annual Flex Your Power Awards, visit www.flexyourpower.org.