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Western employees start 2020 thriving and healthy

RIVERSIDE, CA – Western Municipal Water District received two workplace honors in 2019, combining physically healthy employees with a thriving work environment. Western was honored as an Inland Empire 2019 Top Workplace by The Press-Enterprise and received the Gold Level Workplace Health Achievement Index Recognition from the American Heart Association.

Employees participated in a third-party survey administered by research partner Energage, LLC, a leading provider of technology-based employee engagement tools. The anonymous survey measured several aspects of workplace culture, including alignment, execution, and connection, to name a few. Out of 975 employers, this year, the Press-Enterprise and Inland News Group recognized 35 companies and organizations in the Inland Empire as Top Workplaces for 2019, and Western placed fifth out of 60 participants in the midsize company category.

"The health and happiness of our staff is key to the exceptional service we provide to our customers. When employees are happy it reflects in everything they do, from customer service to pipeline repairs," said Bob Stockton, Board President.

According to a recent assessment by the American Heart Association (AHA), more than 900 companies throughout the United States completed the AHA health assessment and Western was the only public agency in the Inland Empire to receive Gold level recognition. Western's workplace healthy programs such as Wellness Wednesday and "My Life Check[®]" health assessments have built a culture of health. By creating a healthy workplace environment, Western has increased productivity, reduced absenteeism, and reduced benefit costs, sick leave usage decreased by 18% and employees are using 10.46 less hours of sick leave per year.

"2019 was a great year for Western and all our staff. We had an extremely productive year and made strides in improving the work culture," said Craig Miller, General Manager.

Western has received the Top Workplace award on two previous occasions and this is the third year Western has been the recipient of the AHA Gold Level recognition.

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Western Municipal Water District is one of the largest public agencies in Riverside County providing water and wastewater services to nearly a million people who live, work and play across 527-square miles of California's most populous regions.