Riverside, Calif. – Nineteen Riverside County teachers have been recognized as Lois B. Krieger Water Project Grants for Educators recipients, receiving over $14k in total awards. The grant recipients applied to receive funding for water-related classroom projects in November. Following a rigorous judging process, which included water professionals and educators, the teachers were selected. Projects submitted came from K-12 classrooms in a variety of topics. From water quality testing to hydroponic gardening, from water sensory exploration to wetlands activities, the submissions received were examples of diversity and creativity.

“Supporting the teachers to ensure they have the resources needed to educate our future leaders about our water resources is critical to our future,” shared Craig Miller, general manager of Western. “Financial resources can be a limiting factor as to what a teacher is able to teach his or her students. The Lois B. Krieger grant program was founded on the principal of encouraging water education in our local schools. Recognizing these teachers pushes this mission forward. We see first-hand, the impact this program has on the students in our service area.”

The Lois B. Krieger Water Project Grants for Educators program was named after Lois B. Krieger, a true pioneer in the water industry. Krieger served on the board of directors for both Western Municipal Water District and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for 25 years. She was the first female chairman of the board at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California from 1989 to 1992. The grant bears her name due to her commitment to water and water education. Funding for the grants is provided by Western Municipal Water District, in conjunction with neighboring water providers who bring water education to local classrooms.

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