Western Budget Award Shows Financial Resolve
“Statewide Organization Honors Western’s Financial Department with Meritorious Award.”

RIVERSIDE, CA – February 17, 2011 – Western Municipal Water District was recently acknowledged for financial stability efforts by being awarded the prestigious California Society of Municipal Finance Officers Meritorious Award for Operating Budgeting for the 2010-2011 year.

“The award is great example of how Western takes every measure to ensure rate payer dollars are spent wisely,” said Western Board President Brenda Dennstedt. “Good planning and accuracy in accounting are the basis for capital projects that increase and protect the region’s water supply.”

The California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) Budget Awards Program is designed to recognize those agencies whose budget documents meet certain state-wide standards and requirements considered to be of the highest quality. The award represents significant accomplishment by a government and its leadership in meeting high standards and setting an example by encouraging others in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence.

“Western’s goal is financial stability and it starts with having a properly designed budget,” said Rod LeMond, Western’s CFO, who added, “The Meritorious Award shows our customers that Western takes pride in being fiscally responsible with public funds.”

Western is eligible to submit this award annually and will accept this year’s Meritorious Award at the CSMFO Annual Conference Feb. 24 in Los Angeles. Founded in 1957, the CSMFO is a statewide organization serving all California municipal finance professionals.

“At a time when many municipalities and governments are struggling with budgets and issues surrounding transparency, Western is getting the job done right,” said John V. Rossi, Western’s general manager. “Our customers and all residents within the 527 square-mile region Western serves can depend on us to keep the ship on course.”

Western Municipal Water District provides water supply, wastewater disposal and water resource management to the public in a safe, reliable, environmentally sensitive and financially responsible manner.