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Top Water Agencies to be Awarded for Conservation Success

PHOENIX – A new report from Western Resource Advocates, entitled *Arizona Water Meter*, chronicles the success of 15 Arizona water utilities in implementing water conservation programs. As a result of the report's findings, four of these water utilities will be awarded WRA's Top Drop Award for their achievements in conserving Arizona's most precious resource.

WHAT: Awards presentation/Report unveiling

Four award winners will be presented "Top Drop" Awards for their success in water conservation in Arizona, as recognized in the new Western Resource Advocates "Arizona Water Meter" report to be publicly unveiled at the event.

WHO: Karin P. Sheldon, President Western Resource Advocates,

Drew Beckwith, Water Policy Analyst, Western Resource Advocates,

Water Utility and Elected representatives from among the communities of:

Buckeye, Casa Grande, Chandler, Clarkdale, Lake Havasu City, Mesa, Payson, Peoria, Phoenix, Prescott, Safford, Scottsdale, Sierra Vista, Tucson, and Yuma.

WHEN: Thursday, October 14, 2010, 4pm -6pm MST

WHERE: Phoenix Desert Botanical Gardens (Papago Park)

Binn's Wildflower Pavilion

1201 North Galvin Parkway

Phoenix, AZ 85008

Highlights of the report are:

- Arizona's water suppliers are facing daunting challenges as a result of population

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- growth, the southwest's 11-year drought, and climate change.
- Fifteen Arizona water utilities were evaluated to determine what factors are most effective for conserving water.
 - Even though some communities demonstrate remarkable achievements in water conservation, there is still much room for improvement.

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