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City of San Diego Water Department Capital Improvement Project Recognized by the American Public Works Association *The Mid-City Water Pipeline Replacement Project Receives Honorable Mention*

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Water Department announced today that the American Public Works Association (APWA) named the Mid-City Water Pipeline project as an honorable mention recipient in the category of environmental projects over \$10 million.

The Mid-City Pipeline project staff received the award at the Sept. 11, 2003 Annual Awards Ceremony for the Southern California Chapter of APWA. “Our staff, design consultants and contractors generated an outstanding combination of teamwork and enthusiasm that allowed us to complete this award winning project,” said Water Department Director Larry Gardner. “This was a dynamic CIP project that has become a truly memorable success.”

Construction of the five-mile long Mid-City Pipeline began in January 2000 along the busy El Cajon Boulevard corridor. The pipeline extends from Cherokee Avenue in the west to 70th Street in the east. This project provides a backup water source to the densely

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populated commercial and residential community in central San Diego. Most of the work on this 16-48 inch line was completed at night to reduce traffic and local business concerns. The new pipeline delivers up to 43-million gallons of water per day, improves system reliability and provides a needed backup supply of water to the Mid-City area.

Construction of the Mid-City Pipeline was completed in summer 2002. The \$25 million project was funded by water rates, revenue bonds and capacity charges.

The Mid-City Pipeline project is part of the City of San Diego Water Department's citywide Capital Improvements Program. Water infrastructure improvements (replacements, upgrades and expansions) are underway throughout the City's water system, including pipelines, water pump stations, reservoirs and treatment plants. These improvements will help ensure a safe and reliable water supply, protecting the region's job base, environment and overall quality of life for future generations.

Additional information about other important infrastructure projects can also be found online at www.sandiego.gov/water. Or, contact the Capital Improvements Public Information Line at **619-533-4679** for additional details.

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