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### **Palos Verdes Educators Honored by West Basin Director Ronald C. (Ron) Smith**

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA - West Basin Municipal Water District Director Ronald C. (Ron) Smith recently provided *Certificates of Excellence* to Educators of the Year at the Palos Verdes Peninsula's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Educator of the Year Awards. The Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Club recognized some of the finest schools in the country by awarding an elite group of educators from many Palos Verdes schools, celebrating the Peninsula's valuable teachers.

"It's an honor to present these certificates to those who challenge the young minds of tomorrow," said Director Smith. "This small token represents West Basin's appreciation for their hard work."

The certificate of excellence recipients include: Phyllis Nollan of Riveria Hall Luthern School, Kathy McPherson of Rolling Hills country Day School, Anita Drennan of Chadwick School, Captain Nigel Cross of Salvation Army College for Officer Training at Crestmont, Kari Sayers of Marymount College, Alison Benjamin of Silver Spur Elementary, Julie Gingras Tarango of Montemalaga Elementary, Peter Barks of Palos Verdes Intermediate, Rene Vela of Palos Verdes High School, Tara Swall of Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Special Education, Heidi Morris of Renaissance School for the Arts and Sciences, and Astrid Reichelt of St. John Fisher School.

Ronald C. (Ron) Smith was elected in 2006 to represent the Division I Cities of Carson, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, Rolling Hills and portions of San Pedro. Director Smith has combined his expertise in business and government by serving on local Public Works and Economic Development Commissions, along with service on the Board of Directors for the local Chamber of Commerce and Junior Chamber of Commerce and as a delegate to the West Basin Water Association.

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