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### For Immediate Release

## **EPA recognizes VWRA among nation's leading green power users**

### **VWRA REDUCES CARBON FOOTPRINT WITH GREEN POWER USE**

**Victorville, CA**-The Environmental Protection Agency has announced that the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority is No. 26 on the EPA's Top 30 On-site Generation of the largest green power users. Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority is using more than 7 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power annually, which is enough green power to meet 74 percent of the organization's electricity use. Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority is generating green power from an on-site biogas energy system. This demonstrates a proactive choice to switch away from traditional sources of electricity generation and support cleaner renewable energy alternatives.

"This is a huge honor and we are proud to be recognized by the E.P.A.," said Logan Olds, VWRA General Manager. "Using our bio-gas to energy program helps our organization become more sustainable, while also sending a message to others that supporting clean sources of electricity is a sound business decision."

This green power commitment also qualifies VWRA for EPA's Green Power Leadership Club, a distinction given to organizations that have significantly exceeded EPA's minimum requirements. Green Power Leadership Club members must use ten times the Partnership's minimum green power use requirement organization-wide.

Green power is zero-emissions electricity that is generated from environmentally preferable renewable resources, such as wind, solar, geothermal, biogas, eligible biomass, and low-impact hydro. Using green power helps accelerate the development of new renewable energy capacity nationwide and helps users reduce their carbon footprints.

According to the U.S. EPA, the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority's green power use of more than 7 million kWh is equivalent to avoiding the carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from the electricity use of more than 700 average American homes annually.

#### **About Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority**

Our slogan is "Taking the waste out of wastewater". VWRA treats nearly 13 million gallons of wastewater every single day. The wastewater goes through an extensive cleaning and purification process before it is returned to the Mojave River. The solids are used to create bio-gas or methane, which helps generate electricity to power our plant operations.

**About EPA's Green Power Partnership**

The Green Power Partnership is a voluntary program that encourages organizations to use green power as a way to reduce the environmental impacts associated with electricity use. The Partnership currently has nearly 1,300 Partner organizations voluntarily using billions of kilowatt-hours of green power annually. Partners include a wide variety of leading organizations such as Fortune 500<sup>®</sup> companies; small and medium sized businesses; local, state, and federal governments; and colleges and universities. For additional information, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower>.

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