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LOS ANGELES BUREAU OF SANITATION TO RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MANAGEMENT

LOS ANGELES (January 6, 2004) — The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation will receive the prestigious Excellence in Management Recognition Award from the national Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA), Board of Public Works President Valerie Lynne Shaw announced today.

“This award recognizes the Bureau of Sanitation for successfully implementing progressive management initiatives that address the wide range of management challenges facing the clean water community,” Shaw said. “It is truly a great honor and a reflection of the innovative thinking and hard work of the Bureau management.”

“One of my first goals as mayor was to make city government more effective and more efficient,” said Mayor Jim Hahn. “I’m proud of the Bureau of Sanitation for receiving such a prestigious award in recognition of these achievements.”

The Bureau is being recognized for development and implementation of ongoing strategic and long term planning, the development of a stakeholder-driven integrated water management plan, design and implementation of a biosolids Environmental Management System (EMS), facility automation, implementation of water reuse, adopting efficient and effective financial and budgetary practices, benchmarking and applying best practices to enhance system performance and reduce costs, applying innovative techniques and practices, outreach to customers and their needs, developing educational programs, and developing and implementing partnerships to enhance water quality.

The award will be presented at an evening reception on Feb. 4 at AMSA’s Winter Conference, which will be held Feb. 3-6 at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel in Santa Monica.

AMSA, headquartered in Washington D.C. and involved in all facets of water quality protection, is a national organization whose goal is to develop and implement scientifically-based, technically-sound and cost-effective environmental programs. AMSA represents more than 270 of the nation’s publicly owned wastewater utilities, including the City of Los Angeles. Each year, the

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association recognizes individuals and agencies that have made outstanding contributions to environmental protection and wastewater management.

Over the last two years, the City of Los Angeles received four National Environmental Excellence Awards from AMSA for Bureau of Sanitation efforts in public outreach and education, research and technology, and innovation in operations.

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