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UC Riverside Student Receives 2018 NWRI-SCSC Fellowship Award

Fountain Valley, Calif. – The National Water Research Institute (NWRI) and Southern California Salinity Coalition (SCSC) are pleased to announce that the 2018 NWRI-SCSC Fellowship has been awarded to Mr. Amninder Singh of the University of California, Riverside (UCR). The fellowship provides \$10,000 a year for up to two years to support graduate student research that addresses the critical need to remove or reduce salts from water supplies and to preserve water resources in Southern California.

Singh is a first-year Ph.D. student at UCR pursuing a degree in Environmental Science. His research project focuses on using smart irrigation technologies to optimize recycled water application for turfgrass irrigation, with the goal of conserving water, maintaining turf quality, and sustaining soil health. His advisor is Dr. Amir Haghverdi, Assistant Professor (Cooperative Extension Specialist) of Water Management at UCR.

“Mr. Singh’s research on using recycled water for turf grass irrigation is a relevant issue for SCSC member agencies” said Mark Norton, President of the SCSC Board of Directors. “We look forward to learning more about how optimizing this practice can help manage salinity in water supplies for Southern California.”

Research areas supported by SCSC include engineering sciences, physical and chemical sciences, biological sciences, health sciences, political sciences, and planning and public policy. For more information about the fellowship, please visit <http://www.socalsalinity.org/fellowship.htm>.

The Southern California Salinity Coalition (SCSC) and its member agencies are dedicated to managing salinity in the water supplies, wastewater, and recycled water. Member agencies include Eastern Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Orange County Sanitation District, Orange County Water District, San Diego County Water Authority, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority. Please visit <http://www.socalsalinity.org> for more information.

The National Water Research Institute (NWRI) was founded in 1991 by a group of Southern California water agencies in partnership with the Joan Irvine Smith and Athalie R. Clarke Foundation to promote the protection, maintenance, and restoration of water supplies and to protect the freshwater and marine environments through the development of cooperative research work. NWRI’s member agencies include Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Irvine Ranch Water District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Orange County Sanitation District, Orange County Water District, and West Basin Municipal Water District. Please visit www.nwri-usa.org for more information.

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