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RECOGNITION and RELEASE
Rice Creek Watershed District Resource Teachers Program

1. The Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD), a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, operates a guest teachers program. The program defrays the cost to schools that host environmental educators presenting natural resource educational curricula to Grades preK through 12. The purpose of the program is to assist schools that incorporate environmental education into regular or substitute classroom programming. The program is further described in the attached document entitled “Rice Creek Resource Teachers Program.”

2. _____, _____
Fill in name of school Complete mailing address
 (“SCHOOL”) is allowed to arrange for one or more classroom presentations during the 2009-2010 school year using the Resource Teachers listed on the Resource Teachers Program website (“EDUCATORS”) at <http://resourceteachers.org>.

3. SCHOOL is aware that EDUCATORS will receive a grant payment from the RCWD for each presentation in accordance with the attached document and has determined its compensation to EDUCATORS, accordingly.

4. SCHOOL understands that the RCWD has approved the qualifications of EDUCATORS and of specific curricula as meeting the natural resource education goals of the RCWD, but that SCHOOL is responsible for determining appropriateness for SCHOOL’s purposes. If EDUCATOR does not have a substitute teaching license through the Minnesota Department of Education, the school must hire a substitute teacher or have the classroom teacher present.

5. SCHOOL understands that:

- a. EDUCATORS ARE not employees, agents or representatives of the RCWD and has no relationship to the RCWD other than eligibility for grant funds; and
- b. All formal arrangements, including terms and status of employment, scheduling of lessons and presentations, and classroom management, are between SCHOOL and EDUCATOR. The Resource Teachers website is meant to be used as a tool to facilitate this process.

6. SCHOOL holds harmless and releases the RCWD, its managers, employees and agents from any and all claims, actions, costs, damages and liabilities of any nature arising from EDUCATORS’ activities.

SCHOOL, by its Principal

Signature

Print name

Date