



ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2007

Two New Directors Sworn In, Anthony Voted to Continue as President for Third Year

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. (Jan. 29, 2007) — Two new directors joined the Orange County Water District (OCWD) Board of Directors this month. Claudia Alvarez of Santa Ana replaces former Director Jose Solorio who was recently elected to the California State Assembly and Irv Pickler of Anaheim replaces former Director and Anaheim City Council member Richard Chavez.

Claudia Alvarez was appointed by the Santa Ana City Council to represent the City of Santa Ana. Alvarez is a member of the Santa Ana City Council as well as deputy district attorney for the County of Orange. In addition to her civic leadership, Alvarez also manages a private law practice. She previously served as president of the Hispanic Bar Association, vice president of KinderCaminata, a program that introduces low income kindergarten students to higher education through local community colleges, and as president of MANA, a national Latina organization. She completed undergraduate degrees in criminal justice and political science at California State University, Fullerton and received her law degree from Loyola Law School.

Irv Pickler was appointed by the Anaheim City Council to represent the City of Anaheim. An OCWD Board veteran, Director Pickler was previously appointed to sit on the OCWD Board for three separate terms: 1992-1995, 1996-2000 and 2000-2002. He served as president of the Board from 1998-2000 and was chairman of the Joint Cooperative Committee for the Groundwater Replenishment System, a joint project between OCWD and the Orange County Sanitation District. A life-long civil servant, Pickler's community involvement includes previous positions on the Anaheim City Council, as chairman of the Orange County Planning Commission, vice chairman of the Orange County Transportation Authority, past president of the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities, chairman of the Orange County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Committee and member of the Water Advisory Committee.

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OCWD's board is composed of 10 directors – seven elected from divisions throughout north and central Orange County, and three city council appointed directors representing the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton and Santa Ana. Each of the seven elected board members serve a four-year term, and the three appointed members serve a length of time to be determined by the city council they represent.

Board officers for 2007 are: Philip Anthony, president, from division four and a resident of Westminster; Jan Debay, first vice president, division seven and a resident of Costa Mesa; Kathryn Barr, second vice president, division one and a resident of Garden Grove. Also on the Board are: Denis Bilodeau, division two and a resident of Orange; Roger Yoh, division three and a resident of Buena Park; Stephen Sheldon, division five and a resident of Newport Beach; Wes Bannister, division six and a resident of Huntington Beach; Claudia Alvarez, division eight and a resident of Santa Ana; Irv Pickler, division nine and a resident of Anaheim; and Shawn Nelson, division 10 and a resident of Fullerton.

For more information about OCWD's Directors and programs, visit www.ocwd.com on the Internet.

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EDITORIAL NOTE: Photographs of Director's Pickler and Alvarez are attached to this email or can be obtained by contacting Alexis Tate at (714) 378-3202, atate@ocwd.com.

Orange County Water District (OCWD) manages the large groundwater basin that underlies north-central Orange County that provides most of the water for 2.3 million citizens. The District is committed to enhancing Orange County's groundwater quality and reliability in an environmentally friendly manner. OCWD is a special district, separate from the County of Orange, that supplies water to retailers in the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Orange, Placentia, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster and Yorba Linda. For more information about the Orange County Water District, visit www.ocwd.com on the Internet.