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## **ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT DIRECTOR APPOINTED TO LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES WATER TASK FORCE**

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif.** (April 23, 2009) —The Orange County Water District (OCWD) announced today that its Director Denis Bilodeau, who is also a City of Orange Council Member, was appointed to represent Orange County on the League of California Cities Water Task Force by Allan Songstad, the League's Orange County Division President.

The League of California Cities is an association of California city officials who work together to enhance their knowledge and skills, exchange information, and combine resources so that they may influence policy decisions that affect cities. The Water Task Force was formed to review, and revise the League's Water Guidelines to ensure cities are actively engaged in the water bond discussions that will be a priority this legislative session.

The Water Guidelines include groundwater, conservation, reclamation, water quality, conveyance and new technologies. The Water Task Force consists of 26 members elected from the League's 13 divisions that represent the entire state of California. Each division appointed two members to the Water Task Force. The second member appointed by Songstad to represent Orange County is Fountain Valley City Councilman John Collins.

"It is important that Southern California has a seat at the table as legislators make important decisions that will have generational impacts on our state's water supplies," stated Director Bilodeau. "Orange County has been a leader in water management, conservation, water recycling and diversifying its water portfolio. In addition to providing viable water solutions that can be modeled throughout California, we need to make sure we get our fair share of funding for future projects."

Elected to the OCWD Board in November 2000, Director Bilodeau represents Division 2, which includes Orange, Tustin, Villa Park and the unincorporated area of north Tustin. He was re-elected to the Board by stakeholders in 2004, and served as President of the Board from 2002 to 2004. In December 2007, he was elected to a one-year term as 2nd Vice President of the Board, for which he was re-elected to a second one-year term in December 2008. In November 2006, Director Bilodeau was elected to the city of Orange city council.

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The District is committed to enhancing Orange County's groundwater quality and reliability in an environmentally friendly and economical manner. The following cities utilize the groundwater basin managed by OCWD: Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Cypress, 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.

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