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FORMER DIRECTOR APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY ON ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD DIVISION 6

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. (Feb. 5, 2010) – At its regular meeting held February 3, the Orange County Water District (OCWD) Board of Directors appointed Noble J. Waite to represent Division 6 through November 2010. The seat was left vacant in December 2009 due to the untimely death of Wes Bannister. The Division 6 seat is up for election in November 2010. Waite has indicated that he will not seek election in the fall.

Director Waite previously served the constituents of Division 6, which includes parts of Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley, from 1970 to 1991. Coincidentally, Director Bannister was appointed to represent Division 6 when Waite retired from the Board in 1991. Waite's many years of public service and previous experience resolving complex water issues within the District and the water community will serve the District well again.

As a past Director, Waite represented OCWD as an appointee to the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission, a delegate on the National Water Resources Association Municipal Water Caucus, and as a Board Member of the Joint Powers Insurance Authority of the Association of California Water Agencies.

Waite has been an active community and civic leader for more than four decades. Before his first appointment to the Orange County Water District Board in 1970, Waite served as Treasurer of the National Water Supply Improvement Association and as Chairman of the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County. He also served as Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem for the city of Huntington Beach, as Trustee of the Huntington Beach High School District, and as Director of the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Noble Waite, a retired pharmacist, was born in Bell, California. He served as a pilot in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. After graduation from the University of Southern California, he established Waite's Pharmacy on Beach Boulevard in Huntington Beach.

OCWD manages the groundwater basin underneath northern and central Orange County that provides most of the water for more than 2.3 million residents. Established by the California State Legislature in 1933, OCWD is a special district governed by a 10-member Board of Directors. For general information about OCWD, call (714) 378-3200 or go to www.ocwd.com.

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