



# ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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### **SANTA ANA APPOINTS COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA TO THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif.** (Feb. 23, 2015) — The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) announced that Council Member Roman A. Reyna was appointed to its board of directors by the Santa Ana City Council to represent Division 8, Santa Ana, effective February 18, 2015. Reyna replaces Vincent Sarmiento, Esq., a distinguished attorney and council member who recently served a two-year term on OCWD's Board.

"I am honored to represent the residents of Santa Ana—the city where I have served and lived all my life," said Reyna. "As a board member, I look forward to advancing the District's mission of providing an adequate, reliable and high-quality water supply to local water retailers at the lowest reasonable cost and in an environmentally responsible manner. We are in the fourth year of a serious drought, and I'm committed to working with the District to increase water reliability for the region," he added.

Reyna is dedicated to the betterment of the community through his leadership and professional and civic service. He is an outreach & engagement specialist with Bright Futures for Kids and is a past employee of the Santa Ana Parks and Recreation Department, where he worked for more than 12 years. In November 2012, he was elected to the Santa Ana City Council. Reyna has previously served as commissioner of housing and redevelopment, as chairman for the federal empowerment and federal empowerment zone-budget & task force and as a board member for the Santa Ana Unified School District.

As a community leader, Reyna has served as board, chairman and founder of numerous non-profit organizations such as, the Department of Juvenile Justice Weed & Seed Program; Kid Works; Neighborhood Housing Services of Orange County; Casa Bonita Neighborhood Association; and the Tempo Calvario Community Development Corporation. He has also volunteered for organizations including the YMCA, Lowell Elementary School and a number of city sponsored youth programs, sports teams, and mentoring and camping programs.

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Reyna has been publicly recognized for his grass-roots efforts and promotes citizen involvement in decision making. For Director Reyna's complete bio, please visit OCWD's website at <http://www.ocwd.com/BoardAgendas/DivisionBiosMap.aspx>.

OCWD's Board is composed of 10 Directors – seven elected from divisions that consist of cities throughout north and central Orange County, and three appointed to represent the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton and Santa Ana. The nine other Directors and their Divisions include: Dina Nguyen, Esq., Division 1, a resident of Garden Grove; Denis Bilodeau, P.E., Division 2, a resident of Orange; Roger C. Yoh, P.E., Division 3, a resident of Buena Park; Philip L. Anthony, Division 4, a resident of Huntington Beach; Stephen R. Sheldon, Division 5, a resident of Newport Beach; Cathy Green, Division 6, a resident of Huntington Beach; Shawn Dewane, Division 7, a resident of Costa Mesa; Harry S. Sidhu, P.E., Division 9, a resident of Anaheim; and Jan M. Flory, Esq., Division 10, a resident of Fullerton.

**About OCWD**

*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 and receive approximately 72 percent of their water supply from it: 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. For more information about the Orange County Water District and its Board of Directors, call (714) 378-3200 or visit [www.ocwd.com](http://www.ocwd.com).*