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# ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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### **ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2015**

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif.** (Dec. 19, 2014) — The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) board of directors (the Board) elected the 2015 board officers at its December 17 meeting. In accordance with the district act, it annually votes to elect a president, first vice president and second vice president. The Board unanimously voted to elect Cathy Green, president, Vincent Sarmiento, Esq., first vice president and Philip Anthony, second vice president. The dedicated service of these officers will help guide the District in fulfilling its mission to protect and manage Orange County's Groundwater Basin and to provide local water retailers with a reliable groundwater supply for the 2.4 million people they serve.

President Green served as the Board's 2014 first vice president and was elected to the Board in November 2010 to represent Division 6, which includes parts of Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach. She has been a resident of Huntington Beach for more than 40 years and served two terms as the city's mayor. First Vice President Sarmiento was appointed to the Board by the Santa Ana City Council to represent Division 8 and began his service in January 2013. He is a long-time resident of Santa Ana and currently serves on its city council. Having been elected in 1981, Second Vice President Anthony is the longest standing member of the Board. He represents Division 4, which includes Los Alamitos, Seal Beach and portions of six additional Orange County cities and resides in Huntington Beach.

"I am honored to serve as president and I commend the service of the 2014 board officers, former President Shawn Dewane and Second Vice President Roger Yoh," said Green. "As the drought persists and water supplies are limited, we have a challenging year ahead. Under my leadership, OCWD will continue to explore alternative water supplies and will maintain water reliability by bringing projects like the Initial Expansion of the Groundwater Replenishment System online."

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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.

In addition to the three newly elected officers, the 2015 board members are Dina Nguyen, Esq., Division 1, a resident of Garden Grove; Denis Bilodeau, P.E., Division 2, a resident of Orange; Roger Yoh, P.E., Division 3, a resident of Buena Park; Stephen R. Sheldon, Division 5, a resident of Newport Beach; Shawn Dewane, Division 7, a resident of Costa Mesa; Harry S. Sidhu, P.E., Division 9, a resident of Anaheim; and Jan Flory, Esq., Division 10, a resident of Fullerton.

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. For information about the Orange County Water District and to read full bios of its 10-member board, please visit <http://www.ocwd.com/BoardAgendas/DivisionBiosMap.aspx>.