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ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT EXPERT APPOINTED TO NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. (Jan. 23, 2014) — Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) Executive Director of Planning and Natural Resources Greg Woodside was appointed to serve on The National Academy of Sciences' National Research Council (NRC) Committee to review the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Program-Phase 1 (The Program). The Program was designed to resolve the longstanding conflict between the federal mandate to protect threatened and endangered species associated with the Edwards Aquifer, located in south central Texas, and the region's dependence on the same aquifer as its primary water resource.

The 12-member interdisciplinary NRC Committee, to which Woodside was appointed, will focus on the adequacy of the body of scientific information used to determine the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan's (EAHCP) biological goals and objectives. Additionally, it will study relationships among proposed conservation measures and the biological goals and objectives. The Committee will perform its review from 2014 to 2018 and produce three reports.

Woodside joined OCWD in 1997 and has 25 years of experience in water resources management and hydrogeology. He is a California Professional Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist. In his current position, he oversees the District's long-term planning, institutional interfacing with agencies upstream from Prado Dam, watershed management, preparation of environmental documents and the management of natural resources in the Santa Ana River Watershed in an effort to improve water quality, water supply, and habitat.

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, go to www.ocwd.com. To schedule Woodside, and/or other OCWD experts, please contact our speakers bureau at (714) 378-3206 or rwilke@ocwd.com.

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