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FULLERTON APPOINTS BRUCE WHITAKER TO OCWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. (February 28, 2017) — The Orange County Water District (OCWD) announced that Bruce Whitaker was appointed to its board of directors by the Fullerton City Council to represent the city of Fullerton (Division 10) effective February 15, 2017. Whitaker replaces retiring council member Jan Flory who recently served three years on OCWD's board and previously served a four-year term from 1999-2002. Whitaker previously served on the OCWD Board of Directors from August 2012 to January 2014.

"I am honored to represent the residents of Fullerton," said Whitaker. "I have enjoyed being part of the Orange County Water District, an award-winning organization, which was established by the state legislature more than 80 years ago. I look forward to meeting new and reuniting with known colleagues and staff who perform amazing accomplishments for the betterment of the region."

Whitaker, a longtime public servant and resident of Fullerton, currently serves as mayor. He was elected to the Fullerton City Council in November 2010, and named mayor pro tempore by the city council in July 2012. In November 2012, he was reelected to a full four-year term, and was unanimously chosen to serve as mayor in 2013.

Representing Fullerton, Whitaker served the Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency, the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County, and on the Orange County Vector Control Board of Trustees.

Whitaker was appointed in 2012 by the Orange County Board of Supervisors to the County of Orange Oversight Board where he currently serves as one of seven board

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members. Prior to being elected to the council, Whitaker served three years as a Fullerton planning commissioner.

For more than two decades, Whitaker has been active in the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce Legislative and Local Government committees as a private citizen, business executive and more recently representing elected offices. Bruce Whitaker founded the Fullerton Association of Concerned Taxpayers (FACT) in 1996 and served the first eight years as its president. He and his wife Linda are volunteers and supporters of Habitat for Humanity, Fullerton Cares (Autism), Women's Transitional Living Center (WTLC), Crittenton Centers, and Donate Life, among others.

Whitaker worked in state government as district director of a California State Assembly office representing the cities of north Orange County. Previously, he worked in county government as a policy advisor for seven years at the Orange County Board of Supervisors. While at the County of Orange, Whitaker was honored to receive the "Donald" Award as Orange County Legislative Staffer of the Year. For 11 years, he served as statewide coordinator of the Municipal Officials for Redevelopment Reform.

Prior to his employment in the public service sector, for more than 20 years, Whitaker held executive positions as controller/chief financial manager of a local retail firm and administrator of a local medical center. In efforts to help the County of Orange emerge from bankruptcy in 1994-96, Whitaker was appointed by the Orange County Board of Supervisors to serve on three committees: the Orange County Management Audit Oversight Committee, the Salary and Benefits Review Committee and the Ad Hoc Steering Committee on Privatization.

The OCWD Board of Directors 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 directors and their divisions are: Dina L. Nguyen, Esq., Division 1, a resident of Garden Grove; Denis R. 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

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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 Newport Beach; Vicente Sarmiento, Esq., Division 8, a resident of Santa Ana; James Vanderbilt, Division 9, a resident of Anaheim; and Bruce Whitaker, Division 10, a resident of Fullerton.

OCWD is committed to enhancing Orange County's groundwater quality and reliability in an environmentally friendly and economical manner. The following cities receive 75 percent of their water supplies from the groundwater basin, which is 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 more information about the Orange County Water District and its board of directors, call (714) 378-3200 or visit www.ocwd.com.

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