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## **THE CITIES OF SANTA ANA AND ANAHEIM APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD**

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif.** (December 29, 2022) — The Orange County Water District (OCWD, the District) recently welcomed Valerie Amezcua and Natalie Meeks to its Board of Directors. Director Amezcua was appointed to the Board by the Santa Ana City Council to represent OCWD Division 8. Director Meeks was appointed to the Board by the Anaheim City Council to represent OCWD Division 9. Both appointments took effect on December 21.

Director Amezcua is a longstanding public servant and recently became the first female mayor of Santa Ana. She also serves as a board member of the Santa Ana Unified School District. Past community involvement includes numerous boards and commissions, including the OC Human Relations Commission, the National Hispanic Business Women’s Association and Santa Ana’s Early Prevention and Intervention Commission. Previously, Director Amezcua worked as a supervising probation officer with the Orange County Probation Department.

“Year after year, Santa Ana has been recognized for its high-quality, award-winning tap water,” said Director Amezcua. “Water sustains our communities, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to continue the important work of OCWD in bringing a reliable water supply to our communities.”

Director Meeks is a veteran public works professional who brings decades of engineering and leadership experience to her role at OCWD. She served as the city of Anaheim’s public works director from 2007-2016 where she worked on major projects for the Anaheim Resort, Anaheim Convention Center and ARTIC transit hub. Director Meeks served on Anaheim’s planning commission from 2019 to 2022 and currently serves on the Anaheim City Council representing east Anaheim.

“I worked closely with OCWD in my previous public works position and deeply respect their successful management of the Orange County Groundwater Basin,” said Director Meeks. “I look forward to this new role and will work to ensure that the residents and businesses of Anaheim, and all our service area, continue to receive a dependable, high-quality water supply.”

“I welcome Valerie and Natalie onto the OCWD Board of Directors and look forward to working alongside them,” said OCWD President Cathy Green. “Their knowledge, passion and dedication for public service will serve the District well.”

Directors Amezcua and Meeks are part of a 10-member board of directors at OCWD. Biographies and photographs of all OCWD Board of Directors are available at <https://www.ocwd.com/about/servicearea-board-of-directors>.

### **About Orange County Water District**

The Orange County Water District is committed to enhancing Orange County’s groundwater quality and reliability in an environmentally friendly and economical manner. The following cities rely on the groundwater basin, managed by OCWD, to provide 77% of their water demands: 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 OCWD, please visit [www.ocwd.com](http://www.ocwd.com), like @OCWaterDistrict on Facebook, follow @OCWDWaterNews on Twitter, follow @OCWD on Instagram, and follow Orange County Water District on LinkedIn.

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