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ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD ELECTS NEW LEADERSHIP

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. (Dec. 22, 2020) — The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) Board of Directors elected Stephen R. Sheldon to serve as the District’s board president, and Cathy Green and Tri Ta to serve as first and second vice president, respectively. The board will lead the District in fulfilling its mission to protect and manage the Orange County Groundwater Basin, which provides 77% of the water to 2.5 million people in north and central Orange County. The elections were held during last week’s board of directors meeting.

President Sheldon represents Division 5, which includes the cities of Irvine and Newport Beach. He has served on the board of directors since 2005, served as president of the board in 2008 and 2009, and most recently completed a term as second vice president.

“I am honored that my fellow board members entrusted me as president to complete the final expansion of our Groundwater Replenishment System,” said President Sheldon. “OCWD is a leader in groundwater management and water recycling, and as a board we are committed to continuing the work of ensuring that more than 2.5 million Orange County residents always have a reliable, high-quality supply of water.”

Representing Division 6, which includes the cities of Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach, First Vice President Green has been a member of the board of directors since November 2010 and was re-elected in 2012, 2016 and 2020. She was selected by the board to serve as its 2013 and 2014 first vice president and as its 2015 and 2016 president. This will be her second consecutive term as first vice president.

As the second vice president, Ta is the first Vietnamese American to serve as an officer on the OCWD Board of Directors. Representing District 4, he was appointed to the board in 2018 and was officially elected to the seat in 2020 representing the cities of Los Alamitos, Seal Beach and parts of Buena Park, Cypress, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Stanton, and Westminster.

The OCWD Board of Directors is comprised of 10 directors, seven of whom are elected from divisions composed of cities located throughout north and central Orange County, and three who are appointed by the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton and Santa Ana.

“The full board looks forward to working together to advance water reliability and provide a sustainable water supply to the residents and businesses of north and central Orange County,” said Sheldon.

Biographies and photographs of all directors and new officers are available at <https://www.ocwd.com/about/service-area-board-of-directors/>.

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About Orange County Water District (OCWD)

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, like @OCWaterDistrict on Facebook, follow @OCWDWaterNews on Twitter, follow @OCWD on Instagram, and follow Orange County Water District on LinkedIn.

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