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## METROPOLITAN'S ROY WOLFE NAMED BOARD CHAIRMAN OF WATER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Roy L. Wolfe, who has held a number of high-level management positions during his 25-year career with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, has been named chairman of the board of trustees of the Water Research Foundation.

As Metropolitan's group manager of Corporate Resources, Wolfe oversees all aspects of engineering, information technology and business services at the district, including a staff of nearly 700 employees with an annual budget of more than \$500 million.

Wolfe has directed the development of Metropolitan's five-year strategic plan for information technology and restructured the district's Capital Investment Plan. He also has participated in labor, property, and project negotiations, and provided oversight in working with Metropolitan's member agencies in numerous areas including assessment of new facilities to meet growing water needs.

Prior to taking his current post in 1999, Wolfe was Metropolitan's associate director for water quality and project manager for Metropolitan's Strategic Plan.

Wolfe, a Fullerton resident, was recently elected to serve a three-year term as chair of the Water Research Foundation's 22-member board. Established in 1966, the foundation is the largest organization in the world devoted exclusively to drinking water research, representing nearly 1,000 water utilities in the United States and other countries.

The foundation is a member-supported, international, nonprofit organization that sponsors research to enable water utilities, public health agencies, and other professionals to provide safe and affordable drinking water to consumers. It also provides a centralized, practical research program for the drinking water community.

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*The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving 19 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.*