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ANTHONY FELLOW RETURNS TO METROPOLITAN BOARD

California State University department chair and San Gabriel Valley water official Anthony R. “Tony” Fellow returned today as a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Fellow represents the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District on Metropolitan’s 37-member board, upon which he previously served from February 1993 to February 2009. He replaces R. William “Bill” Robinson, who succeeded Fellow on the Metropolitan board last February.

Metropolitan board Chairman Timothy F. Brick reappointed Fellow as one of four board vice chairs, a position he held during his previous board tenure. Brick also named him to the board’s Communications and Legislation Committee.

Elected to Upper San Gabriel Valley’s Board of Directors in 1991, Fellow’s division includes the cities of Temple City, Monrovia, South El Monte as well as portions of Arcadia, Monterey Park and El Monte. In 1995, Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina appointed him to the county’s Water Appeals Board.

As chair of the Department of Communications at California State University, Fullerton, Fellow oversees the department’s concentrations in journalism, advertising, public relations, photo-communications and entertainment studies.

Besides journalism courses, Fellow teaches courses in history and philosophy of American mass communications, communications law, principles of communications research, media effects, and graduate courses in international communications, American media history, media and politics, and communications and governance. In addition, he has been an adjunct professor of journalism in the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Southern California.

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Fellow was named a 2007 Fulbright Scholar by the U.S. Presidential Commission in Washington, D.C., and has received Italy's highest Fulbright honor, the Vercelli Chair of Twentieth Century Media History at the University of Piemonte. He teaches in Florence, Italy, each summer.

Author of three books—"American Media History," "The Copy Editors' Handbook for Newspapers" and "News Writing in A Multi-Media World," Fellow has written numerous journal articles on health communications and has presented his health research at international conferences. He continues to write newspaper columns on politics and water issues.

Prior to teaching, Fellow was a reporter, political columnist and city editor during his 10 years with the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, where he covered the presidencies of Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter for the then Thomson Newspapers.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., Fellow received his master's and doctorate degrees from USC's Annenberg School for Communication, where he was a Walter H. Annenberg Fellow. He also has earned a master's degree in communications from Cal State Fullerton and a bachelor's degree in journalism and history from California State University, Los Angeles. In addition, he has done graduate work in political science in Soviet and Latin American politics.

Fellow and his wife, Clara Potes-Fellow, press secretary and media director for the California State University system, reside in El Monte. A former award-winning journalist, Potes-Fellow served as Bill Clinton's press secretary for Hispanic media in California during his first presidential campaign.

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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.