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MORRIS ELECTED SECRETARY OF METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD

John T. Morris, the city of San Marino's representative on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, was elected today as secretary of the agency's 37-member board.

Morris, who has represented San Marino on Metropolitan's board since March 1990, will serve a two-year term as secretary, taking office in January 2011. He succeeds Santa Monica's Judy Abdo, who has served as Metropolitan board secretary for consecutive two-year terms, beginning in 2007.

Morris serves on the board's Engineering and Operations Committee; Water Planning and Stewardship Committee; Special Committee on Desalination and Recycling; IRP Steering Committee; and Hoover Contract Issues Committee. He also represents Metropolitan on the board of the New Water Supply Coalition.

"During the many years I have worked with Director Morris on the Metropolitan board, I've known him to be a responsible and capable leader," said John V. Foley, Metropolitan's newly elected board chairman who also takes office in January.

As secretary, Morris will administer all Metropolitan board roll-call votes as well as sign all meeting minutes and official documents on behalf of the board, unless otherwise delegated.

The owner and principal of Morris Water Resources Consultants, Morris has been professionally involved with the water industry for more than 45 years. Morris previously served as vice chair of the U. S. Desalination Coalition, and as a member of the House of Delegates of the Water Environment Federation, where he also served as vice chair of the Committee Leadership Council.

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A life member of the American Water Works Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Water Environment Federation, Morris also is active in the Water Reuse Association, Colorado River Water Users Association, Southern California Water Utilities Association and the Orange County Water Association.

A third-generation Pasadena native and fourth generation to be involved in California water issues, Morris received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Southern California. He is currently the president of David M. Wilson Affiliates, the university's civil engineering alumni group, and serves on the advisory board for USC's Department of Civil Engineering.

Morris has been president of the Los Angeles Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and chair of the Water Desalting Committee of the American Water Works Association. He also has chaired the Water Reuse Committee of the Water Environment Federation, the Water Reuse Subcommittee of the Association of California Water Agencies, the Water Issues Committee of the Southern California Association of Publicly Owned Treatment Works, as well as the Reclamation Reuse Task Force of the State Water Conservation Coalition.

In addition, Morris has served as a director of the National Water Research Institute, the South Orange County Reclamation Authority, the California Water Environment Association and as a founding director of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc.

He is a former member of San Marino's Water Advisory Committee and a former city planning commissioner. Morris was an active member of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association for 41 years and has served as president of the San Marino City Club Board of Directors. He is president of the San Marino Historical Society.

For more biographical information on the board leadership, visit www.mwdh2o.com.

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving nearly 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.