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MORRIS HONORED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIELD OF WATER RESOURCES ENGINEERING

John T. Morris, secretary of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, has been recognized nationally for his contributions to the engineering field by the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers.

Morris, who has represented San Marino on Metropolitan's board since March 1990, was named a 2011 Honorary Diplomat during AAWRE's annual induction ceremonies in Palm Springs. Morris is the 22nd person to receive the honor since AAWRE's creation.

The owner and principal of Morris Water Resources Consultants, Morris has been professionally involved with the water industry for more than 45 years.

AAWRE is a non-profit organization formed in 2004 by water resources engineers to improve the practice, elevate the standards, and advance the profession of water resources engineering. The Honorary Diplomat designation recognizes leaders and engineers who have made significant contributions to the field of water resources engineering and set an example in furthering AAWRE's mission.

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 served as vice chair of the Committee Leadership Council.

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

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Morris—a third-generation Pasadena native and fourth generation to be involved in California water issues--earned 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.

He 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.

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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.