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TWO NEW DIRECTORS REPRESENTING CITY OF COMPTON, CALLEGUAS MWD JOIN METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD

Compton City Council member Yvonne Arceneaux and general engineering contractor Steve Blois were seated today as new members of the Metropolitan Water District's Board of Directors.

Arceneaux returns to Metropolitan's 37-member board, where she represented the city of Compton from April 2009 to September 2010. She replaces Dianne Sanchez, who succeeded her in September 2010.

Blois follows Gail L. Pringle as Calleguas Municipal Water District's representative on the Metropolitan board. Pringle served on the board since December 2012.

Elected to the Compton City Council in 1993, Arceneaux is currently serving her sixth council term. In 2002, she retired after 26 years with the Compton Unified School District.

Arceneaux chairs the Compton Creek Task Force, a partnership of city, county, state and federal government agencies and non-profit organizations. The task force has developed a master plan for the Compton Creek Regional Garden Park, a multi-million dollar project that includes new open space for the city and improvements to the creek and surrounding neighborhoods.

During her council tenure, she also helped establish the Compton Crime Task Force, the city's Father of the Year Award and Seniors are Compton's Sweethearts Award. She is a director for the Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District and is an active member of the Holy Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Compton.

Long-time Compton residents, Arceneaux and her husband, Herbert, have three children.

Blois was appointed to Calleguas's Board of Directors in January, representing portions of the cities of Oxnard and Camarillo.

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At Metropolitan, Blois was named to the board's Engineering and Operations Committee and Finance and Insurance Committee.

A licensed general engineering contractor, he managed Blois Construction for 20 years, retiring in 2003. He maintains a consulting practice serving the construction industry.

In 2008, Blois was appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, where he served a four-year term. He also was a board member and secretary of Crestview Mutual Water Company from 1996 to 2014.

A management trustee for the Laborers of Southern California Health & Welfare Trust Fund, Blois also serves on the advisory board of the Camarillo Boys & Girls Club. He is past president of the Ventura County Contractors Association and the Associated General Contractors of California, where he remains a member.

Blois served as a member of California State University, Channel Islands' Foundation Board from 2003 to 2012, serving as board chair from 2009 to 2011. In 2013, he received CSUCI's Robert J. Lagomarsino Award for his contribution to and support for the university. He continues to oversee CSUCI's Courtyard Committee, which manages the restoration of many of the university's courtyards.

Born in Phoenix, Ariz., Blois earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Director Blois and his wife, Barbara, live in Camarillo. They have two adult daughters.

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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.