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LONG BEACH'S CORDERO TAKES SEAT ON METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD

Long Beach water commissioner Gloria Cordero was seated today as the city's representative on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Cordero succeeds Suja Lowenthal, who served on the Metropolitan board since May 2008. At Metropolitan, Cordero was appointed to the Legal and Claims Committee and Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee.

Cordero has served on the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners since January 2015. She is a principal at Cordero & Associates, a Long Beach-based public affairs consulting firm she founded in 2008. In 2006, then Mayor Bob Foster appointed her as the city's deputy director of community affairs, where she managed education, workforce development, nonprofits and business, and community outreach.

She previously was the government affairs director for Long Beach City College and a regional manager for Southern California Edison. She started at Edison as an educational representative, where she developed and implemented energy-efficiency and safety programs for school districts in Los Angeles, the South Bay and Long Beach.

A Long Beach native, Cordero received her master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California and a bachelor's degree in sociology from California State University at Long Beach.

Cordero and her husband, Mario Cordero, have two children and three grandsons.

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established 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.