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GOLD JOINS METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD, REPRESENTING CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Mark Gold, UCLA associate vice chancellor and long-time Heal the Bay president, was seated today on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Gold joins Glen C. Dake, John W. Murray Jr., Lorraine A. Paskett and Jesús E. Quiñonez as city of Los Angeles representatives on the 38-member Metropolitan board. He succeeds Paul Koretz, who had served on the board since January 2014.

Associate vice chancellor for Environment and Sustainability, Gold leads the university's Sustainable LA Grand Challenge, which aims to achieve 100 percent local water supply and 100 percent renewable energy in Los Angeles County by 2050. He also works to increase interdisciplinary environmental research at the university and serves as an adjunct professor in the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability.

Before joining the university in January 2012, Gold worked for nearly two decades as Heal the Bay's president to protect Southern California's coastal waters and watersheds. During his Heal the Bay tenure, Gold created Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card, an annual analysis of coastline water quality in California, monitoring more than 350 beaches from Oregon to the Mexico border.

Gold serves on Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's Water Cabinet and the Proposition O storm water bond Citizens Oversight and Advisory Committee. He is currently leading a research effort to optimize sustainable water management in the city.

He also has served on the California Ocean Science Trust and the Santa Monica Bay Commission, helped develop the sustainable city plans in both Santa Monica and Los Angeles, and co-authored legislation protecting California's coast, water quality and environment.

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A native of Los Angeles, Gold earned bachelor's and master's degrees in biology and a doctorate in environmental science and engineering, all from UCLA.

Gold and his wife, Lisette, have three children.

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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.