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*Note to editors: Digital photographs of the new Metropolitan directors are available upon request.*

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## NEW DIRECTOR REPRESENTING CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT SEATED ON METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD

Real estate broker Phillip D. Hawkins was seated this week as a member of the Metropolitan Water District's Board of Directors.

Hawkins returns to Metropolitan's 37-member board, where he represented Central Basin Municipal Water District from January 2008 to February 2013. Hawkins, who was sworn in Monday, follows Leticia Vásquez, who succeeded him in February 2013.

Reelected to his fourth term on Central Basin's board of directors in June 2012, Hawkins currently serves as board president. His Central Basin district consists of the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Paramount and Signal Hill.

A real estate broker since 1977, Hawkins has opened several businesses, including Realty World in Bellflower, Herbert Hawkins Realty, also in Bellflower, Century 21 in Norwalk and the Dean Company.

Hawkins was elected to the California Assembly in 1994, representing the 56<sup>th</sup> Assembly District until 1996. During his Assembly term, he was chairman of the Committee on Housing and Community Development and vice chairman of the Committee on Budget, and served as a member of various other committees.

A Cerritos resident, Hawkins has served on the Rancho Southeast Association of Realtors and the Bellflower Township Redevelopment Committee. He is a member of the Bellflower, Cerritos, Lakewood and Paramount chambers of commerce. He is a supporter of Bellflower High School, Paramount High School and the Artesia Library.

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As a community leader, Hawkins was appointed by then-Gov. Pete Wilson as a special director of trade and commerce in 1997. In 2000, Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe appointed Hawkins to the Los Angeles County Assessment Appeals Board.

Hawkins and his wife, Janice, have two children and six grandchildren.

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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.*