



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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TWO NEW DIRECTORS REPRESENTING CENTRAL BASIN MWD JOIN METROPOLITAN BOARD

Two new members representing the Central Basin Municipal Water District were seated today on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Former Lynwood Mayor Leticia Vásquez-Wilson is returning to the board and Golden State Water Co. vice president William Gedney will serve his first term on Metropolitan's 38-member board.

They replace Pedro Aceituno and Phillip D. Hawkins, both of whom were seated on the board last month. Hawkins also had served from July 2014 to February 2015 and from June 2003 to August 2009.

Vásquez-Wilson served on the board from February 2015 until last month and previously from February 2013 to July 2014. She was first elected to Central Basin's board in June 2012 and represents the cities and communities of Lynwood, South Gate, Florence-Graham, Willowbrook, Compton and Carson. Prior to joining Central Basin's board, she served as a Lynwood city councilmember. In 2005, she became Lynwood's first Latina mayor.

A political science professor in the California Community Colleges System, Vásquez-Wilson earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in public policy and administration in urban affairs from California State University, Long Beach. She also holds a master's degree in education from Pepperdine University.

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Gedney was elected to his first term on the Central Basin Board of Directors in February as part of an agency reorganization that added three additional board members elected by water agencies that buy water from Central Basin.

Gedney has worked at Golden State Water for 20 years and in his current position oversees water quality, environmental compliance, water resources and water-use efficiency.

He has worked in the water industry for 38 years and is an active member with the American Water Works Association and National Association of Water Companies. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Irvine, a master's degree in environmental engineering from the University of Southern California and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Redlands.

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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.