



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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**RANDY A. RECORD ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF
METROPOLITAN'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Riverside County farmer selected to lead governing board
of Southern California's primary water import agency**

Randy A. Record, southwest Riverside County water leader and farmer, was unanimously elected today as chairman of the board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the primary water importer and wholesaler for nearly 19 million people in six counties.

Record, a fifth-generation San Jacinto Valley native who has represented Riverside County's Eastern Municipal Water District on Metropolitan's Board of Directors since January 2003, will fulfill the remaining term of the late John V. Foley, who passed away in March. In January, he will begin his first two-year term as chairman.

He takes the helm of Metropolitan's governing board at a time when the district is dealing with water supply challenges in the third year of a statewide drought that has led to an historic low 5 percent allocation of State Water Project supplies from Northern California. Meanwhile, the agency's other source—the Colorado River—is recovering from 14 years of drought.

"The months ahead are critical for Metropolitan and all of California as we must work together to survive this drought and to solve the ongoing water system-ecosystem crisis in Northern California's Bay Delta," Record said.

"Metropolitan must lead by example, by reaching out and working collaboratively to solve our water problems. I am honored and grateful to have the board's support to help guide Metropolitan at this crucial time. I only hope that I can lead with the kind of class, dignity and compassion that Chairman Foley exhibited throughout his tenure," he said.

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With his election, Record becomes the 18th chairman in Metropolitan's 85-year history. As the head of the agency's 37-member board, Record will represent district policies and programs at national, state and local levels. He also will preside over monthly meetings of the board and its executive committee. In addition, he will appoint all members of the district's seven standing committees, as well as the leaders of any special committees or task forces.

A cooperative of 26 member public agencies, Metropolitan provides about half the water used in the district's 5,200-square-mile service area, covering most of urbanized Southern California from Ventura County in the north to San Diego County in the south.

Metropolitan imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies and provides financial incentives to help local agencies develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other water management programs.

Headquartered adjacent to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles, Metropolitan has an annual operating/capital budget of \$1.6 billion, about 1,750 employees and more than 30 facilities throughout Southern California.

The immediate past president of the Association of California Water Agencies, Record has served as one of four Metropolitan board vice chairs since January 2011. He is a member of the Real Property and Asset Management Committee; Agriculture and Business Outreach Committee; Special Committee on Bay-Delta; Engineering and Operations Committee; Communications and Legislation Committee; Legal and Claims Committee; and the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee.

Elected to EMWD's board of directors in January 2001, representing the cities of Hemet and San Jacinto, Record served as Eastern's board president from 2003 to 2005. He is a member and founding chair of the Riverside County Water Task Force and has served on the Center for Water Education's board.

In addition, he is a member of the Hemet/San Jacinto Groundwater Association, the California Water Foundation's Statewide Groundwater Stakeholder Steering Committee and the Water Education Foundation.

Active for more than 37 years as an owner and partner in agricultural enterprises, Record is a founding partner in DeAnza Ranch, a Star Ruby grapefruit grove in Hemet, and Paso de Record, a wine grape vineyard in San Miguel. He also is a partner with the McCleish Group, a land development company in San Jacinto, and a board member of the Bank of Hemet.

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He is a member of the Riverside County Farm Bureau, the Western Growers Association, the California Association of Winegrape Growers, Paso Robles Wine County Alliance, the Monday Morning Group of Western Riverside County and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. He also is a member and past president of the Hemet/San Jacinto Action Group.

Record is the second member of his family to serve on Metropolitan's board. His father, Clayton A. Record, Jr., served as EMWD's representative to Metropolitan's board from June 1999 to January 2001. The viewpoint at Metropolitan's Diamond Valley Lake near Hemet is named in honor of the elder Record, who passed away in February 2001 after decades of civic service in Riverside County as an elected official and community leader.

Record earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural management from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. He and his wife, Anne, have two daughters and two grandchildren.

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