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VÁSQUEZ RETURNS TO METROPOLITAN BOARD AS CENTRAL BASIN MWD REPRESENTATIVE

Former Lynwood Mayor Leticia Vásquez was sworn in today as a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Vásquez joins Robert O. Apodaca in representing Central Basin Municipal Water District on Metropolitan's 37-member board. She previously served on the board from February 2013 to July 2014. Vásquez follows Phillip D. Hawkins, who succeeded her in July 2014.

She was named to the Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee, and Communications and Legislation Committee.

Elected to Central Basin's board in June 2012, Vásquez 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 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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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.