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*Note to editors: A digital photograph of Sylvia Ballin is available upon request.*

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RETIRED METROPOLITAN EMPLOYEE RETURNS  
AS MEMBER OF DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**Ballin seated as city of San Fernando's representative on Metropolitan's board**

Less than four months since retiring after serving more than two decades as a Metropolitan Water District employee, Sylvia Ballin has returned as a member of the agency's Board of Directors.

Ballin took her seat today as the city of San Fernando's representative on the 37-member Metropolitan board, replacing Steven Veres, who had served on the board since November 2004. Ballin was named to the MWD board's Legal and Human Resources Committee, and Communications and Legislation Committee.

A San Fernando resident for 27 years, Ballin retired May 31 as a principal administrative analyst in Metropolitan's facilities management section after 21 years with the district. She joined Metropolitan in 1985 as an intermediate clerk in the agency's headquarters services branch.

Along with her Metropolitan career, Ballin and her husband, Gary, have owned and operated Champion's Barbershop, a small business in San Fernando, for 30 years.

Born in East Los Angeles, the Garfield High School graduate earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of La Verne. She also holds an associate of arts degree from Los Angeles Mission College.

She has served as a member of the Sisters of Charity in San Fernando and on the city's Christmas parade committee.

The Ballins have two children and three grandchildren.

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*The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving 18 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.*