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METROPOLITAN BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN STEVE ANDERSON PASSES AWAY

Steve Anderson, newly elected vice chairman of Metropolitan Water District's Board of Directors, passed away early this morning from an apparent heart attack. He was 55 years old.

Anderson, a La Habra City Councilmember and Orange County sanitation official, took his seat on Metropolitan's Board last March. Anderson was one of four directors representing the Municipal Water District of Orange County on the 37-member Metropolitan board.

"Although his tenure on our board was relatively brief, Steve had already distinguished himself as vice chair of the board's Communications and Legislation Committee and as a member of the Legal and Human Resources Committee," said Metropolitan board Chairman Timothy F. Brick. "Recognizing his leadership, I nominated him as a board vice chair at the meeting earlier this month, a move that was unanimously endorsed by the board."

Elected to the La Habra City Council in 1992, Anderson served three terms as mayor. He also was general manager of Midway City Sanitary District, which provides sewer and solid waste disposal services for Midway City and Westminster.

Anderson was co-owner of Anderson Consulting Services, a La Habra-based consulting firm that provides public works construction management and inspection services. Prior to forming his consulting firm in 1998, Anderson was a construction inspector and supervisor in water engineering for the city of Anaheim for 13 years.

As a member of the Orange County Sanitation District's Board of Directors since 1993, where he was immediate past chairman, Anderson chaired OCSD's Cooperative Projects Committee and served on the board's Urban Water Runoff Committee. He also served on the Orange County Water District's steering committee for the district's Groundwater Replenishment System, one of the world's largest water recycling projects.

Anderson, a member of the La Habra Host Lions Club, had served as president on the La Habra Little League and as the city of La Habra's community services commissioner.

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Born in Los Angeles, Anderson served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps from 1972 to 1976. He completed courses in water distribution from Mt. San Antonio College and in water treatment and cross-connection control at Rancho Santiago College.

Anderson is survived by his wife, Josie; two sons, Chris and Eric; daughter-in-law, Vanessa; and a granddaughter. Memorial services are pending.

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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.