



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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FOUR NEW DIRECTORS REPRESENTING INLAND EMPIRE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SEATED ON METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD

Four new representatives from the Inland Empire, San Diego County and the San Gabriel Valley have been seated on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Angel Santiago of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency joined San Diego County Water Authority representatives Fern Steiner and Keith Lewinger as well as R. William “Bill” Robinson of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Tuesday as new members to Metropolitan’s 37-member board.

Santiago replaces Gene Koopman, who had represented Inland Empire on Metropolitan’s board for seven years. Steiner and Lewinger succeed Joseph Parker and James “Jim” H. Bond, respectively. Parker had served on the Metropolitan board since April 1993, with Bond representing the Water Authority since November 2006.

Robinson follows Anthony R. Fellow, who had served on the Metropolitan board since February 1993.

Santiago was first elected to Inland Empire’s board of directors in November 2002, representing the city of Fontana and portions of Rialto and Bloomington. The current vice president of the IEUA board, Santiago chairs the board’s Water Resources Committee and Public and Legislative Affairs Committee. A government affairs consultant, Santiago serves as IEUA’s representative on the Association of California Water Agencies.

Steiner has served on the Water Authority’s Board of Directors since May 2003, where she is immediate past board chair. She currently chairs the board’s Bay Delta Solutions Ad Hoc Committee and is a member of the Administrative and Finance Committee, Water Planning Committee and Colorado River Programs Ad Hoc Committee.

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An attorney, she is a partner in the San Diego law firm of Tosdal, Smith, Steiner & Wax, specializing in injury and employment law.

The general manager of the Fallbrook Public Utility District since May 1999, Lewinger has represented the district on the Water Authority's board since 2001. He currently serves on the SDCWA board's Water Planning Committee and Imported Water Committee. Prior to joining the Fallbrook district, Lewinger was general manager of the Otay Water District for 10 years.

Robinson has served on the board of directors of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District since 1989, representing a division that includes the cities of Covina, portions of West Covina, Irwindale, Glendora, Duarte and Azusa. He is a state licensed real estate broker and paralegal. He is a member of the Colorado River Water Users Association and American Water Works Association.

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