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PWD DIRECTOR MAC LAREN APPOINTED TO AV WATERMASTER BOARD

Palmdale, CA – Palmdale Water District (PWD) Director Kathy Mac Laren has been selected to represent Public Water Suppliers on the Antelope Valley Watermaster Board, which oversees groundwater pumping rules for the valley.

Mac Laren, who had served on the Board as an alternate starting in 2016 when the Watermaster was formed following a court settlement, replaces former Director Leo Thibault from Littlerock Creek Irrigation District.

“I am honored and happy to be on the Watermaster Board,” Mac Laren said. “To move from a contentious lawsuit to the adjudication to everyone working well together says a lot about how much we all care about the future of water in the AV. We must collaboratively protect our groundwater.”

The Antelope Valley Groundwater Adjudication resulted from more

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than 15 years of legal proceedings involving more than 4,000 entities, including public water suppliers, landowners, small pumpers, non-pumping property owners and the federal government. The adjudication, overseen by retired Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Jack Komar and run by the Board, identifies guidelines to sustainably manage the basin and reduce declines of groundwater levels and subsidence.

The other members of the Board are Chairman Robert Parris, representing Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency; Vice Chairman Dennis Atkinson, representing landowners; Adam Ariki, representing Los Angeles County Waterworks District #40; and John Calandri, representing landowners.

Mac Laren was elected to the PWD Board in 2011. Her term expires in November. She also serves on the boards of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association, Palmdale Recycled Water Authority, Antelope Valley Sheriff's Boosters and Antelope Valley Fair Association.

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit www.palmdalewater.org.

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