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MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TAPS 2017 LEADERS

Fountain Valley, CA (January 18, 2017) – In a unanimous vote during Wednesday’s Board meeting, the Board of Directors of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) re-elected Director Wayne S. Osborne as Board President. Director Brett R. Barbre will also serve a second consecutive term as Vice President for 2017.

“I am honored to serve as President for another year,” Osborne said. “I take this responsibility seriously and I remain committed to MWDOC’s goal of providing a safe and reliable supply of high-quality water to our customers.”

The agency will focus on raising awareness and support for the California WaterFix and EcoRestore, proposals to secure Southern California’s water supply by building tunnels beneath the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to transport drinking water around the Delta and restore the sensitive fish and native habitat. About 30 percent of the water used in Orange County comes through the Delta. The manmade Delta levees are susceptible to failure from age and natural disaster such as earthquakes – experts agree doing nothing is not an option.

MWDOC supplies drinking water to 28 cities and water agencies, serving 2.2 million people. MWDOC’s Orange County Water Reliability Study found the California WaterFix is the single-most cost-effective large-scale project to ensure the county’s water supplies through 2040.

President Osborne has served on the MWDOC board since 2012. He previously worked 33 years at the City of Fountain Valley, retiring as the Director of Public Works and Engineering. He is a member of the American Water Works Association and the Orange County Water Association, among other industry organizations. President Osborne is also active in the American Public Works Association and the Orange County City Engineers’ Association. He represents MWDOC Division 3, which includes the cities of Cypress, Fountain Valley, Los Alamitos, Stanton, Westminster, the western portion of Garden Grove, and nearby portions of unincorporated Orange County.

Vice President Barbre has served on the MWDOC board since 2000, after serving on the Board of Directors of the Yorba Linda Water District from 1998 to 2000. In 2009, he was appointed to one of MWDOC’s seats on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), where he serves as Chairman of the Finance & Insurance Committee. MWD delivers water to approximately 23 million Southern California residents. Vice President Barbre represents Division 1, which includes the cities of Brea, Buena Park, La Habra, La Palma, Placentia and Yorba Linda.

See www.mwdoc.com for information on MWDOC and www.californiawaterfix.com for information on that vital project.