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FORMER ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICIAL TO LEAD THE WATER EMERGENCY RESPONSE ORGANIZATION OF ORANGE COUNTY

Fountain Valley, CA (January 13, 2020) – The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is pleased to announce Victoria Osborn as the new Director of Emergency Management for the Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC) - an exemplary program administered by MWDOC that supports countywide preparedness, planning, response, and recovery efforts among Orange County water and wastewater utilities.

Osborn, who joins MWDOC after serving 25 years at the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD), was selected after a competitive recruitment of candidates from across the country.

"Ms. Osborn is a leader in emergency management with the ability to bring together partners and agencies," said MWDOC General Manager Rob Hunter. "We are thrilled to have her contacts, expertise, and experience in the Orange County Operational Area to take WEROC to the next level."

Osborn has intimate knowledge of the County's vulnerabilities and tendencies, and has strong relationships with first responders across the board, serving on the front lines of disaster response during her time at OCSD. She also serves on the State Board of Directors for the California Emergency Services Association.

"I look forward to serving Orange County as the WEROC Emergency Management Director. As recent fires and floods have reminded us, the cost of living in paradise is ensuring you are prepared should disaster strike," said Osborn. "I am eager to continue our efforts towards building a culture of preparedness and resilience for our member agencies."

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The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is a wholesale water provider and resource planning agency whose efforts focus on sound planning and appropriate investments in water supply development, water use efficiency, public information, legislative advocacy, water education, and emergency preparedness.

MWDOC's service area includes all of Orange County with the exception of Anaheim, Santa Ana, and Fullerton. MWDOC serves Orange County through 28 retail water agencies.