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## **MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY ELECTS OFFICERS**

**Fountain Valley, CA** (December 16, 2020) – The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWD OC) Board of Directors has unanimously reelected Satoru “Sat” Tamaribuchi as president, and elected Megan Yoo Schneider to serve as vice president of the MWD OC Board for 2021.

Director Tamaribuchi was first elected to the MWD OC Board in November 2014. He represents Division 5, which includes the cities of Newport Beach, Laguna Woods, portions of Irvine, Lake Forest, Laguna Hills, Aliso Viejo, and parts of Mission Viejo. He also serves as one of MWD OC’s four appointed directors representing the interests of Orange County on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) Board.

“I would like to thank my colleagues for their continued support,” stated President Tamaribuchi. “It is my honor to serve and represent the interests of Orange County while fulfilling MWD OC’s mission of delivering a reliable supply of high quality water for generations to come.”

Tamaribuchi’s career in water began as a student engineer for the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). He served as a U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps Officer before returning to DWR to work as an engineer on water quality projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the San Francisco Bay. He continued serving in the U.S. Navy Reserve for 27 years before retiring as a captain in 1996.

Tamaribuchi also previously worked for the Irvine Company on environmental, water supply, and water quality issues throughout the region, including leading a long-term project to control sedimentation in Upper Newport Bay. He also assisted the Irvine Ranch Water District in preparing and implementing water resources master plans.

Director Yoo Schneider, who was first elected to the MWD OC Board in 2016, was appointed vice president of the Board, filling the position after the previous vice president, Joan Finnegan, retired last month. She is a registered Professional Engineer representing Division 7, which encompasses the cities of Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo, San Clemente, and San Juan Capistrano. Yoo Schneider is active in the water industry, holding various leadership roles including the Water Environment Federation, past president and board member of the Santa Ana River Basin Section, and on the board of directors for the California Water Environment Association. She is also a member of the American Water Works Association and several other water-related professional associations.

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***The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWD OC) 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.***

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