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NEW BOARD MEMBERS SWORN INTO OFFICE

Fountain Valley, CA (December 4, 2020) – The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC or District) swore in two new Board Directors today, Karl Seckel, P.E., of Costa Mesa, and Al Nederhood, of Yorba Linda.

Director Nederhood represents Division 1, covering the areas of Brea, Buena Park, portions of Golden State Water Company, La Habra, La Palma, and the Yorba Linda Water District (YLWD), where he has served as a Board Member since 2016. Nederhood now occupies the seat left vacant by former Director Brett Barbre, who retired earlier this year after serving 20 years on the MWDOC Board of Directors to become the General Manager of YLWD.

“Continuing the free flow of water at an economical cost is my priority,” said Nederhood. “I am looking forward to serving on the MWDOC Board, and working to ensure that Orange County has safe, reliable water supplies for generations to come.”

Director Nederhood is a retired college president. He was also president of the nonprofit, KidWorks, in Santa Ana. He and his wife Brenda have been married for fifty years, have four children and twelve grandchildren.

Director Seckel took the oath of office just two days after retiring from nearly four decades of service to the District as the Assistant General Manager and District Engineer. Seckel will represent Division 4, which encompasses Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, and portions of Costa Mesa, Irvine and Newport Beach. He takes the seat held by retired MWDOC Board Director Joan Finnegan, who has represented the service area since 2000 after MWDOC’s consolidation with Coastal Municipal Water District.

“I look forward to continuing to put my experience and relationships to use for the good of Orange County water supply and reliability,” said Seckel. “I have thoroughly enjoyed my 37 plus years at MWDOC, and look forward to making a smooth transition to the MWDOC Board”.

Joining Nederhood and Seckel at the swearing-in on Friday were Directors Bob McVicker, who won his Division 3 seat comfortably this past November after being appointed to the post last year, and Division 7 Director Megan Yoo Schneider, who also won reelection. Director Jeff Thomas was also sworn in, as he drew no challenger in Division 6, where he has served since 2009.

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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.