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MWDOC HIRES SEARCH FIRM, BEGINS SEARCH FOR NEW GENERAL MANAGER

Fountain Valley, CA (August 11, 2023) – The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC or District) has formally started the hiring process for a new general manager (GM). The GM will take the reins of the District and is charged with the planning, organization, and administration of MWDOC's many vital programs and activities. Assistant General Manager, Harvey De La Torre, has respectfully served in the role of Interim GM after the passing of former General Manager Rob Hunter.

The MWDOC Board of Directors has selected Colleague LLC as its recruiting partner. Colleague is a national executive search firm specializing in placing executives in leadership roles in government and public authorities. Colleague will work closely with the MWDOC Board of Directors to recruit and place a highly qualified candidate to lead the District's essential work.

"We are at a major point in history where our water challenges are more multi-faceted than ever," said MWDOC Board President Megan Yoo Schneider. "We have aging infrastructure that needs to be repaired and rehabilitated and climate change pressures that require us to become more nimble and innovative. Balancing sustainability, resiliency, and affordability while maintaining our standard for safe, high-quality drinking water requires a visionary leader who can navigate the complexities of water issues at the local, regional, state, and federal level."

MWDOC is the region's premier wholesale imported water supplier and resource planning agency. With a more than 16% share of the vote at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), MWDOC is at the forefront of water policy as California accelerates efforts to upgrade infrastructure and water systems to meet rising demand and diminishing resources.

Some of the state's most vital water projects – the Delta Conveyance Project, Proposition 1 water storage, canal repairs, recycled water projects, and desalination projects like the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project in Dana Point - are being

spearheaded in Orange County. As the voice of 27 member agencies - comprised of Orange County cities, water districts, and private water companies, MWDOC's efforts focus on sound planning and appropriate investments in water supply development, water use efficiency, public information, legislative advocacy, water education, and emergency preparedness.

The District aims to have the General Manager in place by January 2024. Candidates may see the full position description at www.generalmanagemwdoc.com. Instructions for how to apply are included on the website, or candidates may contact Nina Habib at Colleague (nina.habib@colleaguement.com).

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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, water use efficiency and conservation, public information and outreach, legislative advocacy, water education for all ages, and emergency preparedness.*

MWDOC's 27 retail water agencies, comprised of city water departments and water districts, provide water to the public. www.mwdoc.com