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DIRECTOR LETICIA VASQUEZ – WILSON SELECTED TO SERVE AS SECRETARY FOR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Commerce, CA – Established in 1928 the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Board of Directors made history by electing its first Latina Board Secretary, Leticia Vasquez–Wilson. Director Vasquez-Wilson represents Division IV on the Central Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors and serves as one of the District’s two representatives to the MWD. She currently serves as a Member of the Communications and Legislation Committee; Conservation and Local Resources Committee; and Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee at MWD.

The MWD is a regional wholesaler that delivers water to 26 member public agencies, who in turn provide water to 19 million people in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties. The MWD is governed by a 38-member Board of Directors, representing each of the district's 26 member agencies. The board is responsible for establishing and administering Metropolitan's policies and upholding the articles in the MWD Act.

“It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the next Secretary for the agency charged with the duty of providing its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way,” said Director Vasquez-Wilson.

Director Vasquez – Wilson is currently serving her second term on the Central Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors. She serves on the Water Resources and Governmental Affairs Committee. Prior to joining Central Basin’s board, she served as a Lynwood city councilmember from 2003-2007, where in 2005, she was selected to serve Lynwood’s first Latina mayor.

Vasquez-Wilson is a lifelong educator and has taught grades K-12. She currently teaches in the California Community College system and for National University. She earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and a master’s degree in public policy and

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administration in urban affairs from California State University, Long Beach and a master's degree in education from Pepperdine University.

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Central Basin is a public agency that wholesales imported water to cities, mutual water companies, investor-owned utilities and private companies in southeast Los Angeles County, serving a population of 1.7 million. In addition, Central Basin provides the region with recycled water for municipal, commercial and industrial uses. Formed in 1952, Central Basin is committed to ensuring a safe and reliable water supply for the region.

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