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GOVERNOR NEWSOM SIGNS LEGISLATION PRESERVING CENTRAL BASIN'S REPRESENTATION ON METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commerce, CA – Governor Gavin Newsom has signed Assembly Bill 1220, by Assembly Member Cristina Garcia into law. The legislation preserves the Central Basin Municipal Water District's two seats on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan). The District is represented by Central Basin Board President Robert Apodaca and Director Frank Heldman. The Metropolitan provides water to 19 million residents in Southern California and serves as a leader on vital water policy and supply issues.

"The District would like to thank Assembly Member Cristina Garcia for her leadership to ensure that our region maintains our representation on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California", said Central Basin Board President Robert Apodaca. "The decisions made at the Metropolitan impact the water supply and ultimately the quality of life for the 1.6 million residents of the Central Basin service area."

Nearly half of the cities and communities served by the Central Basin qualify as disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged. Assembly Bill 1220 ensures that Central Basin is able to continue advocating for our cities and communities on the key water supply and policy issues that impact our region.

"Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) thanks the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) for their leadership in both meeting water supply challenges and supporting this critical legislation", said Central Basin Board Member Frank Heldman. "Key to successfully securing our region's water supply reliability will be the partnerships between retail agencies and wholesale agencies such as Central Basin and the Metropolitan Water District."

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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 1.6 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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