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*Note to editors: A digital photograph of Director Phillip Hawkins is available upon request.*

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## NEW DIRECTOR REPRESENTING CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT JOINS METROPOLITAN BOARD

Phillip D. Hawkins was seated today as a member of the Metropolitan Water District's Board of Directors.

Hawkins returns to Metropolitan's 38-member board, where he represented Central Basin Municipal Water District from February to March 2017, from July 2014 to February 2015 and from June 2003 to August 2009. Hawkins follows William Gedney, who joined the board in March 2017. He will serve on the Metropolitan board's Engineering and Operations Committee and Real Property and Asset Management Committee.

Hawkins was re-elected to his fifth term on Central Basin's board in November 2016. His Central Basin district consists of the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Paramount and Signal Hill. He is chairman of the Central Basin Administration & Ethics Committee and actively participates in the Colorado River Water Users Association, the Urban Water Institute and the California Contract Cities Association.

A real estate broker since 1977, Hawkins has opened several businesses, including Realty World and Herbert Hawkins Realty, both in Bellflower, and Century 21 in Norwalk.

Hawkins, a Cerritos resident, was elected to the California Assembly in 1994, representing the 56<sup>th</sup> Assembly District until 1996.

Hawkins has served on the Rancho Southeast Association of Realtors and the Bellflower Township Redevelopment Committee. He is a member of the Bellflower, Cerritos, Lakewood and Paramount chambers of commerce and supporter of local high schools.

Hawkins and his wife, Janice, have two children and six grandchildren.

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*The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving nearly 19 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.*