NEW DIRECTOR REPRESENTING CITY OF PASADENA
SEATED ON METROPOLITAN BOARD

San Gabriel Valley businesswoman Cynthia Kurtz was seated today as a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Kurtz represents the city of Pasadena on Metropolitan’s 37-member board. She succeeds Timothy F. Brick, who had served on the Metropolitan board since June 1985. Kurtz was appointed to the board’s Finance and Insurance Committee and Communications and Legislation Committee.

She is the president and chief executive officer of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, which develops and implements programs aimed at expanding the economic base of local communities.

Prior to joining the SGVEP in January 2009, Kurtz was the interim city manager for the city of Covina. She previously was Pasadena’s city manager for nearly 10 years. She started as the city’s capital projects administrator and served as public works director prior to becoming Pasadena’s first female city manager.

Kurtz sits on the advisory board for the University of La Verne’s School of Public Administration and chairs the Villa Esperanza Services’ Community Council for Excellence. She also co-chairs Villa Esperanza Services’ Capital Campaign and serves on the Advisory Committee of Leadership Pasadena.

She has served on the Finance Committee of the Pasadena Foothills YWCA and on the board of trustees for the Pacific Asia Museum.

A native of Harrisburg, Pa., Kurtz holds a bachelor’s degree in community development and housing from Pennsylvania State University and a master’s degree in transportation and urban planning from the University of Iowa.

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She lives in Pasadena with her husband, Jim McDermott.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a 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.

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