FORMER TORRANCE WATER COMMISSIONER
SEATED ON METROPOLITAN BOARD

Former Torrance water commissioner Russell Lefevre was seated today as a member of Metropolitan Water District’s Board of Directors.

Lefevre succeeds Bill D. Wright as the city of Torrance’s representative on the 37-member Metropolitan board. Wright had served on the Metropolitan board since March 1994.

At Metropolitan, Lefevre was appointed to the board’s Communications and Legislation Committee, Engineering and Operations Committee, and Special Committee on Bay-Delta.

A past member and chair of city of Torrance’s Water Commission, Lefevre serves on the water management research committee for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is a member and past president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-USA, serving as IEEE’s representative at a recent workshop on the energy-water nexus, sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the University of Texas at Austin.

Lefevre retired in 2002 after 30 years as a small business consultant specializing in remote sensing applications. He sits on the Exxon-Mobile Community Advisory Panel in Torrance and is a board member of the South Bay Entrepreneurial Center. In 2002, he served as a scientific advisor for U.S. Sen. John Davison “Jay” Rockefeller IV (R-W.Va.).

Born in Grafton, N.D., Lefevre earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree in physics from the University of North Dakota and holds a doctorate in electrical engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara. An adjunct professor of physics at the University of North Dakota, he also is a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
Lefevre and his wife, Carole, have three children and six grandchildren.

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.