Note to editors: A digital photograph of Director Glen C. Dake is available upon request.

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LOS ANGELES LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
JOINS METROPOLITAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Glen C. Dake, a landscape architect and Los Angeles civic activist, was seated today as a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Dake joins Paul Koretz, John W. Murray Jr. and Jesús E. Quiñonez as city of Los Angeles representatives on the 37-member Metropolitan board. He succeeds Aaron A. Grunfeld, who had served on the board since January 2006. At Metropolitan, he will serve on the board’s Finance and Insurance Committee and the Engineering and Operations Committee.

Active in Southern California watershed and groundwater issues, Dake helped lead the successful 2000 campaign to pass Proposition O, a Los Angeles city bond that provided up to $500 million for storm water projects. In 2001, Dake served on then-city councilman and current Mayor Eric Garcetti’s staff dealing with environmental issues. He also participated on the state parks and water bond campaigns for Propositions 12, 50 and 84.

Dake currently serves on the city’s Recycled Water Advisory Group and the Los Angeles County Green Building Task Force. He sits on the boards of the California League of Conservation Voters, the Los Angeles Community Garden Council and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust. He also has been involved with various community groups dealing with environmental, cultural heritage, conservation and local planning issues.

A California licensed landscape architect, he has worked on campus improvements at the University of California, Los Angeles, and University of California, San Diego’s Scripps Institution of Oceanography. He recently completed a storm water capture design in the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed.
In addition to working on numerous community garden projects, Dake also provided oversight of documentation and improvements of historical cultural landscapes at Silver Lake Reservoir and Barnsdall Park as well as an outdoor learning environment for High Tech High School in Los Angeles.

A native of Saratoga Springs, New York, Dake earned a bachelor’s degree in landscape architecture from Cornell University.

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*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.*