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UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS REORGANIZES FOR 2017

MONROVIA, CA – At the first board meeting of 2017, the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) Board of Directors conducted its annual reorganization of officers. Director Ed Chavez was elected as President and Director Alfonso “Al” Contreras will serve as Vice President. Director Anthony Fellow, Ph.D., was elected to serve as Secretary and Director Charles M. Treviño as Treasurer.

Referencing his colleagues and the year ahead, Director Chavez stated, “With five consecutive years of unprecedented drought, we face many challenges moving forward as we continue to provide a reliable, affordable, and sustainable water supply to the San Gabriel Valley. It is going to require a strong and unified leadership. I look forward to continue working with my fellow Directors as we tackle these issues.”

Upon his reelection, this past November, Director Chavez is serving his third term on the board and will also serve as the district’s representative to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA). Director Chavez, an educator, is a former Board Member of the Bassett Unified School District, Mayor and Councilmember of the City of La Puente, and three-term member of the California State Assembly representing the 57th District. During his tenure with Upper District, Director Chavez previously served as the Board’s Secretary/Treasurer from 2009 to 2012 and Vice President in 2013 and 2014. Director Chavez represents Division 3 which includes all, or parts of, Avocado Heights, City of Industry, Hacienda Heights, La Puente, and South El Monte.

Newly elected to the board, Alfonso Contreras was officially sworn into the Board of Directors in December 2016 and will represent Division 4 of Upper District’s service area which includes all, or parts of, Azusa, Covina, Glendora, Irwindale, and West Covina. Director Contreras was first elected to the Board in 2002 and served two consecutive 4-year terms. In addition to being elected Vice President, Director Contreras will serve as the alternate representative to WQA, chair of Upper District’s Administration & Finance Committee, and vice chair of the Water Policy Committee.

Dr. Fellow is currently serving his seventh term on Upper District’s Board of Directors and will serve as the Board Secretary and vice chair of the Government & Community Affairs Committee. Dr. Fellow will also serve as Upper District’s representative to the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, and an alternate representative to the San Gabriel Valley Water Association. Additionally, Dr.

Fellow is serving his second year as an appointed member of the Association of California Water Agencies' Federal Affairs Committee. Dr. Fellow represents Division 1 which includes all, or parts of, Arcadia, Bradbury, El Monte, Monrovia, Rosemead, and Temple City.

Director Charles M. Treviño was recently reelected this past November to serve a third term on the board. In addition to being elected as Board Treasurer, Director Treviño was also elected to serve as the Upper District representative on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. He will continue serving on ACWA's Joint Powers Insurance Authority, the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, the San Gabriel Valley Protective Association, and as chair of Upper District's Water Policy Committee. Director Treviño represents Division 2 which includes all, or parts of, Arcadia, Rosemead, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, South San Gabriel, and Temple City.

Representing Division 5 which includes all, or parts of, Baldwin Park, Duarte, El Monte, and Irwindale, Director Urias is currently serving his second term on the board. He will continue as the board's representative to the San Gabriel Valley Water Association, an alternate to the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority, and chair of Upper District's Government & Community Affairs Committee.

Upper District's mission is to provide a reliable, sustainable, diversified and affordable portfolio of high quality water supplies to the San Gabriel Valley; including water conservation, recycled water, storm water capture, storage, water transfers and imported water. Upper District services nearly one million people in its 144 square mile service territory. Governed by a five member elected board of directors, Upper District is a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Annually, more than 78 billion gallons of water is used in Upper District's service area. For more information about Upper District, please visit our website www.upperdistrict.org or call 626-443-2297.

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