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**TENURED ADMINISTRATOR TO SERVE AS NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE
MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER**

AZUSA, CA – At its regular meeting on March 5, 2025, the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (“Watermaster”) Board of Directors announced its intent to appoint Mrs. Kelly Gardner as its new Executive Officer, effective March 15, 2025. This appointment follows Watermaster’s strategic succession planning efforts and comes in the wake of the official retirement of long-serving Executive Officer, Mr. Anthony Zampielo, on September 30, 2024.

“Mrs. Gardner possesses over 35 years of experience in water management and resource planning within the San Gabriel Valley,” said Lynda Noriega, Chair of the Board of Directors. “Her 14 years of dedicated service to Watermaster have equipped her with the knowledge and expertise necessary to effectively manage the Basin’s groundwater quality and supply initiatives in accordance with the Judgment. The Board is confident that Mrs. Gardner’s leadership and vision will continue to position Watermaster as a leader in addressing both local and statewide water resource challenges. She is the right choice to lead the organization into the future.”

In addition to her new role as Executive Officer of Watermaster, Mrs. Gardner serves as Executive Officer for the Raymond Basin Management Board. She is also an active member of the Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Leadership Committee, Chair of the Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Steering Committee, and serves on several other regional water advisory committees throughout Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley. Reflecting on her appointment, Mrs. Gardner stated, “Watermaster remains focused on advancing water resource management efforts to ensure groundwater producers and basin stakeholders have access to a reliable and sustainable water supply. Our mission is to support the more than two million residents and businesses in the San Gabriel Valley who depend on these vital resources.”

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The Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster was created in 1973 by the California Superior Court of Los Angeles to administer the basin’s adjudicated water rights and to provide a basin-wide governing body for the management of water resources. For more information about the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, please visit www.watermaster.org.