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Cox Reappointed by Governor Brown to Serve on Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

Apple Valley, CA—Kimberly Cox, Mojave Water Agency (MWA) Board Vice-President, has been reappointed to the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB) by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

The Lahontan Board, also known as Region Six, is one of nine regional water quality control boards in the State of California, operating under the State Water Resources Control Board. The statewide board is responsible for protecting water quality by setting regional standards, issuing waste discharge requirements, determining compliance, and taking enforcement actions within regional boundaries based on watersheds.

Cox is one of two representatives in the South Lahontan region. Her career experience in groundwater management and knowledge of the Mojave Basin adjudication will serve the region well as the state evaluates groundwater management in light of recent legislation.

Cox said she is pleased to continue to represent the region during a time when water has taken center stage in the State. "With a renewed focus on groundwater, my reappointment could not come at a more opportune time. Here in the Mojave Desert, groundwater is our primary water source. I look forward in helping to facilitate meaningful dialogue as it relates to water quality."

Region six encompasses the following 12 counties: Modoc, Lassen, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Alpine, Mono, Inyo, Kern, portions of San Bernardino, and the north east region of Los Angeles County.

Cox is slated to become chair of the regional board in February. This will require greater participation at the statewide and regional level.

MWA Board President Beverly Lowry said, "It's good news for MWA. We are thrilled that Kimberly Cox will continue to represent the High Desert region at the regional level during these critical times in the water industry."

In addition to serving the past year on the LRWQCB, Cox brings more than 12 years of experience as an MWA Board Member, and is a 30-year resident of the High Desert. She holds the position of General Manager for the Helendale Community Services District, and previously worked for the Cities of Victorville and Hesperia. She holds a master of Public Administration degree in water resource management.

Cox's appointment is pending state Senate confirmation.

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