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LAFCO Names Kimberly Cox as the Organization's Chair

Victor Valley, CA—Kimberly Cox, Vice-President of the Mojave Water Agency, is the new Chair of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for San Bernardino County. A member of the board for the last 12 years, Cox previously served as Vice-Chair for three years.

During the May 18 regular board meeting, the seven-member board selected Cox and also appointed Thurston "Smitty" Smith of Apple Valley as the alternate public member.

The addition of Smith to the San Bernardino LAFCO Board, along with First District Supervisor Lovingood and Cox, expands the High Desert representation to three members. The Board is composed of seven voting members, with four alternate members who vote only in the absence or abstention of a voting member. The seven members and their alternates represent all levels of local government.

Cox said the appointments are timely for the High Desert region. "I am pleased that the region is so well represented at this time. As we continue to grow, land use decisions will determine our success. The collective knowledge of the three High Desert members will serve the region well."

Commissioned by the State Legislature, LAFCOs are charged with encouraging orderly growth, promoting logical and orderly service boundaries for cities and special districts, discouraging premature conversion of prime agricultural lands to urban uses, and promoting efficient and effective service delivery for cities and special districts.

Additionally, Cox has served on the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors since 2003 and represents Division 1 that includes the communities of Helendale/Silver Lakes, El Mirage, Adelanto, and portions of Victorville. She leads the Helendale Community Services District as its General Manager.

Well known for her knowledge of high desert water issues, Cox has been appointed twice by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. to the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB).

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