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Febbo tapped as new MWA General Manager

Apple Valley, CA — Allison Febbo has been appointed General Manager for the Mojave Water Agency, to replace Kathy Cortner, who has transitioned to a role focused on special projects until her retirement in early 2022.

Assistant General Manager since January 2021, Febbo has an extensive background spanning 23 years in water resources, hydrology and water operations. Prior to joining the Mojave Water Agency staff, she was the Deputy Operations Manager in the Central Valley for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. She has also served as a Senior Water Resource Specialist for the State Water Contractors Agency and Surface Water Resources Inc.



Allison Febbo,
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At both of those agencies, her primary role was to work collaboratively with government agencies, ancillary organizations, and other stakeholders to protect the water supplies for the State Water Project and other water contractors.

As General Manager of MWA, she plans to continue this workstyle to strengthen the Agency's relationships with its community partners to continue protecting the region's water sustainability.

“This is an exciting opportunity to work with a skilled and dedicated staff that continues to produce high-quality results in a constantly-shifting work environment,” Febbo said, praising how much has been accomplished during pandemic challenges. “Moving forward, we will continue to work together to enhance the team culture within the Agency to benefit the region's residents.”

Febbo has already accomplished much in her short tenure with the Agency, including working on the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and assuming responsibility for the agency's new Strategic Plan that was initiated under Cortner's leadership.

Cortner joined the Agency in October of 2007 as the Chief Financial Officer and was promoted to Assistant General Manager in February of 2020. She then served as Interim General Manager before being hired as the General Manager in July 2020.

“We appreciate Kathy’s many years of service and wish her well on her impending retirement,” said Board President Jeanette Hayhurst. “We are confident that she has left the Agency in good hands with Allison at the helm.”

Febbo assumed her new role Dec. 1. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Earth and Atmospheric Science from Georgia Institute of Technology and a Masters of Science in Hydrologic Science from University of California, Davis.

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