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Note to editors: A digital photograph of S.R. "Al" Lopez is available upon request.

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FORMER MAYOR OF CORONA SEATED ON METROPOLITAN BOARD

Former mayor of Corona and Riverside County water official S.R. "Al" Lopez was seated today as a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Lopez represents Western Municipal Water District on the 37-member Metropolitan board. He replaces John M. Mylne III, who has served on the Metropolitan board since October 1993.

At Metropolitan, Lopez will serve on the Business and Finance Committee, and Engineering and Capital Programs Committee.

A member of Western's board of directors since January 2001, Lopez currently serves as board vice chairman. His district encompasses Corona, Lake Hills, Home Gardens, El Cerrito and a portion of Norco.

He represents Western at several agencies, including the West Riverside County Regional Water Authority, the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission and the Association of California Water Agencies. At ACWA, he also serves as special district alternate for ACWA's Joint Powers Insurance Authority and the Utility Service Agency.

The long-time Corona resident is the owner of SR Consulting, specializing in public relations and government affairs.

Lopez served on the Corona City Council from 1982 to 1994, including terms as mayor in 1986 and 1990. He also has served on the Riverside Transit Agency board, Riverside County Transportation Commission and the Air Quality Management District Advisory Group.

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In February 2005, Lopez was recognized by U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Corona) with a congressional record tribute for community service.

A native of Texas, he earned an associate of arts degree from Riverside Community College.

Lopez and his wife, Martha, have two children. He also has two adult children and grandchildren.

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving 18 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.