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Note to editors: A digital photograph of Linda Ackerman is available upon request.

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ORANGE COUNTY PHILANTHROPIST SEATED ON METROPOLITAN BOARD

Orange County philanthropist Linda Ackerman was sworn in today as a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Ackerman's husband, state Sen. Dick Ackerman (R-Irvine) administered the oath of office as she became one of four directors representing the Municipal Water District of Orange County on the 37-member Metropolitan board. She succeeds Steve Anderson, who passed away Jan. 16.

"I am extremely honored to follow in the steps and wisdom of Steve Anderson, who was a good friend," Ackerman said.

Ackerman was appointed to the Metropolitan board's Communications and Legislation Committee, and Water Quality and Operations Committee.

An Irvine resident, Ackerman serves on the advisory committee for the California Federation of Republican Women and as vice president of financial development for the Marian Bergeson Excellence in Public Service Series, a competitive program that seeks to increase the number of Republican women in elected, appointed, political, volunteer and staff positions at the local, state and federal levels. She also is a member of the board of directors of USCB, Inc., the largest private collections agency in California.

Most recently, Ackerman has worked to form a new non-profit corporation aimed at maintaining historic working areas in the State Capitol Building in Sacramento. She also is executive director of the California State Capitol Preservation Fund.

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Active in community service for more than 30 years, she has served as a member of the PTA at St. Juliana Falconieri School and Sunny Hills High School, both in Fullerton. She also was chair of the junior auxiliary of the Assistance League of Fullerton, and a national board member of the Assistance League. Ackerman organized ALPHA, an auxiliary for working women of the Assistance League of Fullerton.

In addition, Ackerman has served on the church finance committee of St. Juliana's Catholic Church in Fullerton and a co-chair of government relations and corporate sponsors for the Orange County chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Born in Denver, Colo., Ackerman attended the University of Colorado, where she majored in foreign languages.

She and her husband have three children and two granddaughters.

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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.