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LOS ANGELES ATTORNEY SEATED ON METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD

Long-time Los Angeles community and civic leader David W. Fleming was seated today on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Fleming is among four directors representing the city of Los Angeles on the 37-member Metropolitan board. He succeeds Nancy Sutley, who had represented Los Angeles on Metropolitan's board since January 2006 prior to being named chair of President Barack Obama's White House Council on Environmental Quality last December.

Metropolitan board Chairman Timothy F. Brick named Fleming to the board's Water Planning and Stewardship Committee, Communications and Legislation Committee, and Special Committee on Bay-Delta.

A member of the California State Bar since 1959, Fleming is an attorney with the firm of Latham & Watkins.

Most recently, Fleming represented the city as a director of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Originally appointed to the post by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa in 2005, he chaired MTA's Finance and Budget Committee and served on its Construction Committee.

The immediate past chair of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Fleming chairs the Los Angeles County Business Federation. He also co-chairs the Southern California Leadership Council, whose leaders include former California governors Gray Davis, Pete Wilson, Jerry Brown and George Deukmejian.

Fleming chairs the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, a business and industry collective formed following the 1994 Northridge earthquake, as well as Project Grad, a program aimed at helping public school students achieve educational excellence.

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He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, where he is past chair. He also chaired the Valley Industry & Commerce Association from 1988 to 1990.

Fleming is a member of the Los Angeles Police Foundation, the Children's Bureau of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council Foundation, the Civic Alliance, the New Majority and the Fernando Award Foundation. He is vice chair of a \$125 million campaign to build a new performing arts center at California State University, Northridge, and a director with the California State University, Northridge Foundation.

The past chairman of the California Regional Leadership Foundation, a statewide organization of civic entrepreneurs addressing regional problems, Fleming served as president of the Los Angeles City Board of Fire Commissioners from 1993 to 2001. He also has served as one of five members of the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission.

In 2003, President George W. Bush appointed Fleming as a trustee of the James Madison Foundation, which provides scholarships to teachers throughout the United States to promote the teaching of the nation's founding. The 12-member foundation is composed of the Secretary of Education, four members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, two state governors, two federal appellate justices and two private citizens.

In 1997, Fleming and then-Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan co-chaired a voters' initiative to reform Los Angeles city government, culminating in the creation of an elected citizens' Charter Reform Commission. That commission drafted a new city charter, which was approved by city voters in 1999.

Born in Davenport, Iowa, Fleming earned his law degree from the UCLA School of Law, where he serves on the board of advisers to the school's dean.

He and his wife, Jean, have two adult sons.

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving 19 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.