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## NEW DIRECTORS REPRESENTING SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CENTRAL BASIN MWD SEATED ON METROPOLITAN BOARD

San Diego attorney Lynne L. Heidel and former labor union representative Rudy C. Montalvo took their seats today as members of Metropolitan Water District's Board of Directors.

Heidel joins Fern Steiner, Keith Lewinger and W.D. "Bud" Pocklington in representing the San Diego County Water Authority on Metropolitan's 37-member board. She succeeds James M. Barrett, who had served on the Metropolitan board since December 2006.

Montalvo was sworn in today to join Phillip D. Hawkins as representatives of the Central Basin Municipal Water District. He replaces Edward Vasquez, who had served on the Metropolitan board since August 2009.

Heidel joined the Water Authority's Board of Directors in May, representing the city of San Diego. An attorney for more than 30 years, she specializes in land use law.

She has served on the board of the city of San Diego's Centre City Development Corp., the Southeast Economic Development Corp. and the San Diego County Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals.

A director of the Rancho Santa Fe Association, Heidel recently completed a six-year term on the board of directors of the YWCA of San Diego County, where she was a past president. In addition, she is a member of Lambda Alpha International, an honorary land economics society, as well as the Urban Land Institute.

Born in Rochester, N.Y., Heidel earned a bachelor's degree in history from Smith College in Northampton, Mass., and a master's degree in education and East Asian studies from the University of Rochester. She received her law degree from California Western School of Law.

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Heidel and her husband, Steve, reside in Rancho Santa Fe.

Montalvo was elected to Central Basin's Board of Directors in November 2008 after being unanimously appointed to fill a vacant seat on the board in January 2007. Representing the cities and communities of Lynwood, South Gate, Florence-Graham, Willowbrook and portions of Cudahy, Compton and Carson on the Central Basin board, he is the board's vice president and chairs the Communications Committee.

Montalvo retired in 2004 as a machinist after 30 years with Norris Industries in Vernon, where he became a representative for the United Auto Workers and Los Angeles County Federation of Labor. The South Gate resident served on the city's Planning Commission for 12 years.

A native of El Paso, Texas, Montalvo serves as president of the Democratic Club of South Gate and is one of the co-founders of the Southeast Cities Democratic Club.

He and his wife, Guadalupe, have five children and 12 grandchildren.

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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.*