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*Note to editors: A digital photograph of newly appointed Metropolitan board Vice Chair David D. De Jesus is available upon request.*

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## DE JESUS APPOINTED VICE CHAIR OF METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD

San Gabriel Valley water official David D. De Jesus has been named as one of four vice chairs of the 37-member board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Metropolitan board Chairman John V. Foley announced the appointment of De Jesus, Three Valleys Municipal Water District representative on the MWD board since March 2002, to the key leadership position during today's board meeting. De Jesus joins Gloria Gray of West Basin Municipal Water District, John W. Murray Jr. of the city of Los Angeles, and Randy A. Record of Eastern Municipal Water District as Metropolitan board vice chairs.

"As we all know, water supply and reliability remain as priorities for Southern California and the entire state," De Jesus said following his appointment. "I look forward to representing the board and the district in dealing with California's complex water issues and concerns, particularly potential solutions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that will improve supply reliability and restore the delta's ecosystem."

The president and general manager of the Covina Irrigating Company—a private, nonprofit mutual water company established in 1882—De Jesus is a member and past president of Three Valleys' board of directors, representing Covina and Walnut.

He currently chairs Metropolitan board's Water Planning and Stewardship Committee and serves on the Executive Committee, Finance and Insurance Committee, and Engineering and Operations Committee. He also is a member of the board's Special Committee on the Bay-Delta and Hoover Contract Issues Committee.

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De Jesus is a member and past president of the San Gabriel Valley Water Association, which represents more than 1.5 million residents in the area. He was appointed as a founding board member in 1999 to represent water industry interests of San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. The chair of the San Gabriel River Water Committee, De Jesus also has represented Three Valleys on the Chino Basin Watermaster Board.

A long-time Walnut resident, De Jesus serves on the Vocational Education Water Advisory Board at Citrus College, where he taught for five years as an adjunct professor in water resources and water distribution system design. Active in community affairs, he has received Meritorious and Recognito Ad Valorem awards for his volunteer efforts by the County of Los Angeles.

A New York City native, De Jesus earned a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's degree in organizational management from Azusa Pacific University. He also holds associate's degrees in water treatment technology and criminal justice.

De Jesus and his wife, Sylvia, have three daughters.

For more biographical information on the board leadership, visit [www.mwdh2o.com](http://www.mwdh2o.com).

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