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WRD Director Rob Katherman Elected to ACWA Region 8 Board

Lakewood, California - Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) Director Rob Katherman was elected to serve on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 8 board. Elected to represent issues, concerns and needs of the public water agencies in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, Katherman will start his 2-year term as part of the 7-member Region 8 board on January 1, 2012 for the largest statewide coalition of public water agencies in the country. ACWA's nearly 450 public agency members collectively are responsible for 90% of the water delivered to cities, farms, and businesses in California.

"I am honored to have won the confidence of the public water agencies in Region 8 and look forward to working with my Region 8 colleagues on water supply and water quality issues." said WRD Director Rob Katherman. "One of my goals as the region representative is to educate decision makers and opinion leaders on the value of groundwater reliability as our region and State face current and future water challenges."

Rob Katherman also serves as Secretary of the WRD Board of Directors and as Chair of the Water Resources Committee. He represents Division Two, which includes the cities of El Segundo, Gardena, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, and portions of Los Angeles including San Pedro and Wilmington. In addition to an impressive list of participation in professional and civic activities, Katherman co-founded the Adopt a Storm Drain Foundation to provide public education on non-point source pollution, community clean-ups and private funding for cleanup of storm water runoff to meet NPDES requirements

Director Katherman holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, a Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering, and an M.P.A. in Urban / Regional Planning from Cal State University in Long Beach, California.

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California is the regional groundwater management agency that protects and preserves the quantity and quality of groundwater for two of the most utilized urban basins in the State of California. The service area is home to over ten percent of California's population residing in 43 cities in southern Los Angeles County. WRD is governed by a publicly elected Board of Directors including Willard H. Murray, Jr., Robert Katherman, Lillian Kawasaki, Sergio Calderon, and Albert Robles.

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