Western Municipal Water District Board Officers Named

Don Galleano to serve as President

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Jan. 6, 2012 – Western Municipal Water District’s Board of Directors has changed officer positions for 2012. Don Galleano will serve as president; S.R. “Al” Lopez, vice president; and, Tom Evans, secretary-treasurer. The term for officer positions is one year.

“Our vision focuses on regional water leadership,” said Galleano, who is one of the longest-tenured Board members. “Stabilizing our region’s water supply reliability is vital,” he added.

Joining the Western Board in January 2005, Galleano represents Division 4. He also represents Western at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) and is a third generation Southern California wine grower and owner of Galleano Winery in Mira Loma.

Lopez joined the Board in January 2001 representing Division 5. He is Western’s representative on the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG). Mr. Lopez is the former mayor of Corona and owner of SR Consulting.

Evans joined the Western Board in January 2007. He represents Division 2 and is Western’s representative on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Charlie Field began serving on the Board in January 2007. A retired judge of the Riverside County Superior Court, Mr. Field represents Division 1. He also represents Western on the Chino Basin Desalter Authority.

Brenda Dennstedt began her term on the Board in January 2007 and represents Division 3. Ms. Dennstedt heads up Western’s Murrieta Advisory Committee.

Also at Wednesday’s Board meeting, the Board voted to establish new geographical division boundaries within the District’s service area based on population changes per the 2010 census. The redistricting will affect all five Board members’ represented areas. Board members are elected by registered voters in the District’s five geographical divisions and are responsible for setting District policy. Each Director is elected to a four-year term and represents a division roughly equivalent in population. The Board’s public meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. Members of the public are encouraged to attend meetings. Western provides water resource management to the communities within its 527-square mile service area located in western Riverside County.

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Western Municipal Water District provides water supply, wastewater disposal and water resource management to the public in a safe, reliable, environmentally sensitive and financially responsible manner.