Evans Named Board President

Renewed Emphasis on Customer Efficiency Programs and Partnerships

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Thomas P. Evans, newly appointed Western Municipal Water District board president, is looking to 2013 as a year to provide increased emphasis on customer partnerships and service. A Western board member since 2007 representing Division 2, Evans took the seat as president at yesterday’s board meeting.

“Continuing to work with our customers is priority. We work to provide the necessary programs and rebates to increase water efficiency; I want to emphasize that even more in this new year,” Evans explained, adding that this focus is in addition to supporting the District’s mission and vision, and working closely with his fellow board members. “Another critical partnership is with our regional agencies, from Riverside Public Utilities and WRCOG – the Western Riverside Council of Governments, to SAWPA – the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, and the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, among many others.”

President Evans will also continue to serve as Western’s representative on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board of Directors.

The other board officer positions named yesterday were Charles D. Field, Division 1, vice president, and Division 3’s Brenda Dennstedt as secretary-treasurer; officers serve a one-year term. Donald D. Galleano, Division 4, outgoing board president, and S.R. “Al” Lopez, Division 5, round out the Board of Directors. Top priorities for Western’s Board of Directors, in support of Western’s strategic plan, are expanding local water resources, agency collaboration and customer partnerships for efficiency.

Western GM John V. Rossi, leading the 125-plus workforce, works closely with the Board of Directors to carry out its vision to invest in stormwater capture and replenishment, groundwater desalination and recycled water expansion while holding down costs and increasing operational efficiencies.

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