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KATHY MAC LAREN-GOMEZ **ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT OF** PWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Palmdale, CA – Three-term Palmdale Water District (PWD) Board Director Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez is the new Board President following a recent change of officers.

The Board voted 4-0 to have President Mac Laren-Gomez take the helm from Director Don Wilson, who served one year in the top leadership position. The five-member Board currently has a vacancy in Division 3. The application period for the seat that will be filled by Board appointment is open until Feb. 4.

During the change of officers, Director Scott Kellerman remained the Vice-President. Director Wilson took the role of Treasurer while Director Vincent Dino was elected Secretary. The Division 3 replacement will be the Assistant Secretary. The assignments expire in January 2025.

"It is always a great honor to serve as the PWD Board President," (more)

said President Mac Laren-Gomez. "I am grateful to my fellow Directors who trust me with this huge responsibility. I am excited to lead this united Board and can't wait for a new member to join us as we continue advocating for the people who elect us."

President Mac Laren-Gomez will receive the gavel and preside over her first meeting on Monday, Jan. 22.

In addition to representing PWD's Division 4, President Mac Laren-Gomez is an Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association Commissioner, the Public Water Agency Director on the Antelope Valley Watermaster Board, and an Alternate Board Member of the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority. She also is the PWD Board's alternate liaison for Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency and United Water Conservation District, and chairs PWD's Personnel and Outreach committees.

In 2011, she was elected to her first term on the PWD Board and served as Board President from 2013 to 2015. A Palmdale resident since 1989, she served two terms on the city of Palmdale's Planning Commission and is a past president of the Antelope Valley Economic Development & Growth Enterprise. She works in business development for IBEW/NECA.

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit www.palmdalewater.org.