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DEBBIE DINO APPOINTED BY PWD BOARD TO FILL LATE **HUSBAND'S SEAT**

Palmdale, CA – Debbie Dino, an active community leader and strong supporter of Palmdale Water District (PWD), is the new Board Director for PWD's Division 5. She was appointed with a 4-0 vote to the position formerly held by her late husband, Vincent Dino.

This week, Director Debbie Dino took the oath of office administered by Antelope Valley Watermaster Chairperson Rob Parris then participated in her first Board meeting.

"I am truly grateful for the opportunity to carry on Vincent's legacy," Director Dino said. "It's bittersweet to be sitting in the seat he once occupied, but I'm excited to join the Board and an organization that is doing important work for our community."

The Board agreed last month to accept applications to fill the vacant seat by appointment following the unexpected death of Vincent Dino on (more)

July 20. Director Dino, who was the only applicant, will serve the remainder of the vacated term. The seat will be up for election in November 2026.

"My fellow Board members and I are excited to have Director Debbie Dino join us," said Board President Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez. "She is very familiar with the District and our community. I know she will be an impactful member of our Board."

Before voting on the appointment, Board Director Cynthia Sanchez expressed her appreciation for Vincent and Debbie Dino's passion for public service.

"I want to acknowledge the dedication of service by Mr. Dino, whose commitment to this Board and our community was deeply valued," Director Sanchez said. "I am grateful for your willingness to step forward and continue that legacy by serving Division 5. I look forward to working with you."

Division 5 is an area roughly north of Highway 138 (Palmdale Boulevard) from 30th Street East to 47th Street East, east of 47th Street East to 80th Street East, and south to Avenue S.

Director Dino, a resident of Palmdale since 1994, serves as a director for the Antelope Valley Fair Board and for Kids Feeding Kids Through Agriculture. From 2016 to 2020, she was a Hearing Officer for the city of Palmdale.

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