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Board of Directors Selects Director Betty Olson to Serve as Board President

Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (January 2010) – The Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) Board of Directors recently selected Director Betty H. Olson, Ph.D. to serve as President of the Board for a 12-month term. Director Olson has served on the SMWD Board of Directors since 1994.

The Board also selected to 12-month terms Director Charley Wilson to serve as Vice-Chairman; Director Bill Lawson to serve as Treasurer; and Director Roger Faubel to serve as Chairman of the Engineering Committee.

In addition, SMWD General Manager John Schatz has been reappointed by members of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) to serve an additional two-year term on ACWA's State Legislative Committee. The Legislative Committee considers and makes recommendations to ACWA regarding water-related legislation. Mr. Schatz has served on the committee since 2006.

SMWD continues with its commitment to increasing local water supply and reliability. Construction of the 244 million gallon Upper Chiquita Reservoir – the largest reservoir built in south Orange County in decades – is expected to be completed in December 2010.

About the Santa Margarita Water District Board of Directors
The five-member Santa Margarita Water District Board of Directors is elected by residents within the District's boundaries. Directors are elected to serve a four-year term and are responsible for establishing the District's policies. The Board of Directors holds three regular monthly public meetings at its headquarters.

About the Santa Margarita Water District
SMWD is Orange County's second-largest water district, serving more than 155,000 residents and businesses in Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, Coto de Caza, Las Flores, Ladera Ranch and Talega. For more information, please visit www.smwd.com.

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