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JOAN C. FINNEGAN ELECTED PRESIDENT AND JEFFERY M. THOMAS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

Fountain Valley, CA (January 20, 2010) The Board of Directors of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) unanimously elected Joan C. Finnegan as President and Jeffery M. Thomas as Vice President at the January 20 Board meeting.



Joan C. Finnegan

Director Finnegan has served on the MWDOC Board since the district consolidated with Coastal Municipal Water District in 2001. As Director of Division 4, Finnegan represents portions of Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, Seal Beach, Irvine and Newport Beach.

Finnegan currently serves as vice president and acting president of the Association of California Water Agencies – Joint Powers Insurance Authority. She is past president of both the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) and the Orange

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County Water Association, and she holds an officer position for the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC). Finnegan has also been active on the Orange County Water Task Force Committee and the Association of California Water Agencies Region 10 Board, on which she currently serves.

Director Finnegan was named Assemblyman Ken Maddox's Woman of the Year of the 68th District in 2003 and Costa Mesa Woman of the Year in 1980. Prior to her service on the MWDOC Board, Finnegan worked for Mesa Consolidated Water District for more than 21 years as the district's office manager and auditor.

A 54-year resident of Orange County, Finnegan resides in Costa Mesa with her husband, Robert. The Finnegans have two children and four grandchildren.



Jeffery M. Thomas

Jeffery Thomas was appointed to the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) board in August of 2009 to fill the vacant seat for Division 6. Director Thomas represents Rancho Santa Margarita and portions of Tustin, Irvine, Mission Viejo, Lake Forest, San Clemente, and unincorporated areas of Orange County.

Mr. Thomas is a former member of the Tustin City Council and three-time mayor. He has been appointed to a number of positions including Chair of Orange County's Treasury Oversight Committee, and he currently serves on the Investment Advisory Committee of Cal Optima in Orange County. Director Thomas served for twelve years as Director of the Tustin Water Agency. During his tenure, they financed and constructed the 17th Street Desalter and rebuilt four reservoirs that serve more than 50,000 residents of Tustin, Santa Ana and North Tustin. Thomas lives in Tustin with his wife, Lisa, and their two children.

The Municipal Water District of Orange County is a water resource management and planning agency, dedicated to ensuring supply and system reliability for the 2.3 million residents we serve through our 28 client agencies.

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