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UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HIRES NEW ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER AND CHIEF ENGINEER
Ventura County's Premier Water Agency Ready to Meet Future Needs

Santa Paula, CA -- Well known for its top-notch professional and technical staff, United Water Conservation District of Ventura County welcomes two new staff members to its team. The new hires will help position the Agency to operate with greater innovation, while continuing to work to secure, move and preserve water in Ventura County.

United Water's new Assistant General Manager is Robert Siemak, who brings a wealth of experience in the water industry including general management, engineering, construction, operations, strategic planning and project implementation. Throughout his career, Siemak has managed the design and construction of over \$6 billion of water, wastewater and civil infrastructure projects, and managed a staff of over 200.

Siemak, who served as chief of engineering and planning for the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, has published over 30 papers on various aspects of the water industry including sustainability and groundwater. He will oversee several of the District's key areas including: engineering, hydrology, water treatment and recharge operations, dam operations and water resources.

Also joining the United Water team is Maryam Bral, Ph.D. who will serve as the District's new Chief Engineer. Dr. Bral recently served as an associate engineer/project manager for the Goleta Water District where she directed infrastructure projects, managed treatment-related projects including groundwater well rehabilitation. Dr. Bral will oversee the District's engineering and water resources functions.

"We are very excited to welcome our new assistant general manager and chief engineer to the United Water family. These talented individuals bring a wealth of education and experience in the water industry to our District. With all of the many exciting new innovations, regulations and changes in the business of managing water resources, our team is well-positioned to meet the challenges and business of water management efficiently and creatively," commented Mauricio Guardado, General Manager for United Water Conservation District.

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United Water Conservation District: Who we are, what we do and why it matters:

Since 1927 United Water Conservation District has served as a leader among water agencies by managing, protecting, enhancing and securing the water resources of the Santa Clara River and Oxnard Coastal Plain. The District ~~to~~ works to protect the environment's natural attributes and conserves runoff from all major tributaries of the Santa Clara River including Piru, Hopper, Sespe and Santa Paula Creeks.

United Water Conservation District is committed to managing the area's water supplies through groundwater replenishment and construction and operation of efficient water supply and delivery systems. The District serves as the conservator of groundwater resources that are utilized by the cities of Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Santa Paula and Fillmore, as well as several mutual water districts, farms and individual pumpers. United Water also provides surface water for agricultural irrigation and treated drinking water to the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme. **UnitedWater.org.**