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*Note to editors: A digital photograph of Thomas P. Evans is available upon request.*

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## RIVERSIDE COUNTY WATER OFFICIAL SEATED ON METROPOLITAN BOARD

Riverside County water official Thomas P. Evans was seated today on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Evans will represent Western Municipal Water District on the 37-member Metropolitan board. He succeeds S.R. "Al" Lopez, who represented Western on Metropolitan's board since January 2008.

A member of Western's Board of Directors since January 2007, Evans currently serves as board president. The division he represents on the Western board consists of southeast Riverside and March Air Reserve Base.

Evans serves on several Western board committees, including liaison committees for the city of Riverside and Eastern Municipal Water District. He also represents Western on the board of the Western Riverside County Council of Governments and is an alternative on the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority.

With 35 years of experience in water, electric and gas utility management, Evans retired in 2005 as the city of Riverside's interim city manager. Previously, he served as the city's director of public utilities for four years. He served as a director for both the Southern California Public Power Agency and the Northern California Power Agency.

He serves as a member of the Riverside East Rotary Club and as a volunteer counselor for SCORE, an organization designed to counsel small business owners. He is a past board member of both the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, where he was past chair of the Leadership Steering Committee, and Smart Riverside.

Born in Atlanta, Ga., Evans earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of California at Davis and a master's degree in business and information systems management from Golden Gate University.

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He and his wife, Marcia, reside in Riverside. They have two adult sons.

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***The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving 19 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.***