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WRD Board of Directors Appoint Joy Langford to Represent Division One

Newly Appointed WRD Board Director Joy Langford

February 4, 2022 – The WRD Board of Directors appointed Joy Langford to serve as a Director for Division One of WRD's service area. The seat on the Board of Directors became vacant after the passing of longtime WRD Director Willard H. Murray, Jr. The Board received six applications for this seat and voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Langford at their regular board meeting on February 3, 2022.

During the application process, Ms. Langford exhibited strong leadership skills and extensive knowledge of environmental policies. With over 15 years of experience in environmental project management and intergovernmental relations, she has crafted environmental policies to support local water boards, including the Water Replenishment District and the West Basin Municipal Water District. Ms. Langford was also born and raised in the Los Angeles region of Division One. The Board of Directors is confident that Ms. Langford has the business and policy acumen required to advance WRD's mission of creating a sustainable water future in southern Los Angeles County.

"We are thrilled that Ms. Langford has accepted the position to serve as the Division One representative for WRD," said WRD President John D. S. Allen. "Director Murray left an incredible legacy of dedication to environmental justice. Ms. Langford will continue that legacy and has proven to be an advocate for sound environmental policies. I look forward to working with her and welcome her to the Board of Directors."

WRD Director Vera Robles DeWitt shared President Allen's excitement, "I am encouraged by Ms. Langford's impressive background in policy and community engagement. I voted to appoint Ms. Langford because of her accomplishments in environmental policy and commitment to the community she was born and raised in. I am proud that this board continues to be diverse and representative of the communities we serve."

Director Rob Katherman joined the chorus of support for Ms. Langford's appointment. "During the application process, I appreciated Ms. Langford's environmental policy acumen and commitment to addressing climate change. Her philanthropic endeavors are impressive and demonstrate her

dedication to our community. Her professional knowledge in building bridges between the business and environmental communities will advance WRD's efforts to develop a drought-proof supply of water."

"Like my colleagues, it brings me great joy to welcome Ms. Langford as a Director. I believe her experience with implementing strategies to increase recycled water supplies will help WRD to build a sustainable water future in southeast Los Angeles County," added Director Sergio Calderon.

Ms. Langford thanked her new colleagues for this appointment, "I am grateful to my fellow Directors for appointing me to join them on the Board. It is an honor to serve my community in this capacity and I am committed to being a fierce advocate for environmental justice. My goal is to ensure everyone has a seat at the table when discussing how to develop a sustainable water future. I look forward to working with the WRD Board of Directors to promote WRD's commitment to sustainability, water equity, resiliency, innovation and providing the highest quality of water for all citizens."

Ms. Langford graduated with honors and distinction from the University of California, Santa Barbara, with a Bachelor of Science in Economics and a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning.

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For over 60 years The Water Replenishment District (WRD) has managed and protected groundwater resources in two of the most utilized groundwater basins in the nation. Groundwater from these basins provides nearly half of the drinking water for 4 million residents in 43 cities of southern Los Angeles County. Through WRD's Water Independence Now (WIN) Program, the District has developed a resilient and locally sustainable source of water for groundwater replenishment.