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Annual VWD Board reorganization elects Ferguson 2010 Board President

San Marcos, CA - Shortly after the Board meeting for Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, was called to order, Vallecitos Water District (VWD) Board Directors voted to move forward with their annual reorganization. Unanimously, they elected to pass the gavel to Margaret E. "Betty" Ferguson to serve as president and Jim Poltl to serve as vice president for 2010.

Vice President Betty Ferguson, Division 4 representative, was first elected in 1978 and is the senior member of the Board. Her current term expires in 2012. A retired real estate broker and planning and land use consultant who owned her own business for 20 years, Betty was the first San Marcos City Clerk and former member of the San Diego County Planning Commission. She is the District's representative for the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) – currently serving as chair of the Engineering and Operations Committee - and is a former delegate on the Encina Wastewater Authority (EWA), including past Chairperson. Betty is a past member of the San Marcos Creek Task Force, past member of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Board, past member of the ACWA Region 10 Board and the National Water Resources Association (NWRA). Betty has served on all District Committees. She is past President and current member of the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce. She lives in Lake San Marcos.

Jim Poltl, Division 3, has been a San Marcos resident 30 years. He was first appointed to the Board in 2006 with his current term expiring in 2010. Along with the water district board, Jim's community involvement includes a board director with the San Marcos Unified School District for 10 years, the San Marcos American Youth Soccer Organization for five years, and the San Marcos Parks and Recreation Commission for two years. He also owned his own heating and air conditioning business in San Marcos for 17 years. Jim Poltl currently is the Director of Maintenance/Operations/Transportation for San Marcos Unified School District. He is married to Andrea, his wife of 33 years. They have five children.

Ferguson and Poltl are joined by Directors Darrell Gentry, Division 5; Trish Hannan, Division 2; and Timothy Shell, Division 1, to form VWD's five-member board. They meet regularly the first and third Wednesday of the month. Open to the public, the board meetings start at 4 p.m. in the VWD Administrative, Operations, and Maintenance Facility, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, in San Marcos.

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Vallecitos Water District is an independent, special district dedicated to providing water, wastewater and reclamation services to approximately 80,650 people in a 45-square-mile area that includes San Marcos; the community of Lake San Marcos;

portions of Carlsbad, Escondido and Vista; and other surrounding unincorporated areas. The public is invited to board meetings, taking place at 4 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at VWD's Administration, Maintenance, and Operations Facility - 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos.