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West Basin President Gloria D. Gray appointed to Statewide Bay Delta Stewardship Council

CARSON, Calif.—West Basin President Gloria D. Gray has been appointed to a four year term and sworn in to California’s Delta Stewardship Council (Council) to help the Council achieve the two co-equal goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring and enhancing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta (Bay Delta) ecosystem. President Gray joins six other members on the Council, including Phil Isenberg, Randy Fiorini, Patrick Johnston, Hank Nordhoff, Dan Nottoli, and Richard Roos- Collins.

“Time is of the essence and these complicated water supply reliability and environmental issues will require the work of a thoughtful, reasonable team with water experience at various levels and a sincere desire to find solutions for both the Delta and our State’s water supply challenges,” said West Basin Board President Gloria D. Gray.

President Gray was appointed by Assembly Speaker Emeritus, Karen Bass, due to her experience with water issues on the West Basin Board of Directors, Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors, L.A. County Water Quality Commission, career as a hospital administrator and two terms on the Inglewood School Board.

The Bay Delta is the hub of California’s water delivery system. Water deliveries to all of southern California travel through this system and have been diminished by reduced allocations to protect fish species and habitat. Even with 100% snowpack in northern California, the State Water Project allocation remains at 20% due to low reservoir levels and environmental regulations in place in the Delta.

The Delta Stewardship Council aims to protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place. A comprehensive Delta Plan will further these goals and guide state and local agency activities related to the Delta. The Council will develop and implement a strategy to appropriately engage participation of federal agencies and develop a scientific program for management through a Delta Independent Science board. The Delta Stewardship Council is the successor to the California Bay-Delta Authority and CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

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