

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2022-813

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HONORING THOMAS WONG FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WHEREAS** Director, Thomas Wong, presently president of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District representing District III – Monterey Park, was elected to the District’s Board of Directors in 2012, re-elected in 2016 and 2020, and became board president in December 2015;

**WHEREAS** Director Wong has served on the District’s Administrative and Finance Committee, and External Affairs Committee;

**WHEREAS** Director Wong possesses a Bachelor Degree in Economics with a minor in Geography/Environmental Studies from UCLA and a Master Degree in Public Administration from USC, serves on the boards of *Climate Resolve*, *Nature for All*, *Alhambra Education Foundation* and *San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership*, and served as an appointed member and chair of the Monterey Park Environmental Commission and as a board member of the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster;

**WHEREAS** Director Wong has led efforts to ensure a clean, sustainable, and affordable water supply for stakeholders in the District’s member cities of Monterey Park, Alhambra, Azusa and Sierra Madre, as well as the Main San Gabriel Basin, Raymond Basin and San Gabriel Valley during multiple severe droughts and fluctuating *State Water Project* supplies, while increasing efforts to engage the community on water issues and championing efforts to better understand and adapt to the impacts of climate change;

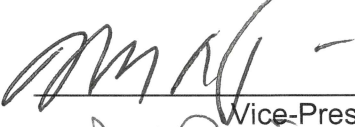
**WHEREAS** Director Wong was instrumental in focusing the District’s grant and loan programs to fund more than \$8 million of infrastructure development, water conservation and ratepayer assistance in member cities, directing \$2.68 million to help fund planning of the State’s *Delta Conveyance Plan* to increase reliability of imported water supplies, creating the *Opportunities for Water Leadership (O.W.L.) Community Grant Program*, extending the school-based *Home Water Survey Program*, continuing the *San Gabriel Valley Water Forum*, initiating public service advertising in local community and ethnic newspapers and social media, and commemorating the District’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019;


**AND WHEREAS**, Director Wong will be leaving the Board of Directors to become an elected city council member in the City of Monterey Park;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the reliability of the water supply throughout Monterey Park, Main San Gabriel Basin, Raymond Basin, and the San Gabriel Valley have benefited tremendously from Director Wong’s expertise, service and passion, the District commends and thanks Director Wong for his distinguished leadership and service and wishes Thomas and the City of Monterey Park good health and prosperity in the future.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on December 12, 2022.

ATTEST:

  
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Vice-President

  
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Treasurer

  
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Secretary

  
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Board Member