

Memorandum

Date: May 29, 2015

To: To All DWR Employees

From: **Department of Water Resources
California Water Commission**

Subject: Executive Officer Announcement

I am pleased to announce that Paula J. Landis has agreed to serve as the Executive Officer for the California Water Commission. In her new capacity, Paula will serve as the primary liaison to the nine-member Commission, representing the Commission on statewide issues and overseeing the development and implementation of the Commission's Water Storage Investment Program, among other things. Chapter 8 of Proposition 1 directs \$2.7 billion to the Commission to fund public benefits associated with water storage projects and to develop tools and methods to quantify such public benefits. Paula will facilitate the Commission's development of tools and methods to quantify public benefits, as well as a competitive public process to select projects and allocate funds based on the public benefits provided. She will also be actively involved with the implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Act and the California Water Action Plan.

Paula has over 27 years of experience working for both State and federal agencies focused on water resources planning and management, where she gained valuable experience with water policy and environmental issues in California. Since 2010, she has been Chief of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Division of Integrated Regional Water Management where she managed a large multi-disciplinary staff on critical programs such as groundwater modeling, water conservation, water management, flood management, water quality investigations, land and water use investigations, environmental surveys and compliance, planning and local assistance.

Paula's career also includes appointments as Chief of DWR's South Central Region Office, and Chief of the USBR's Resources Management Division. As an example of her collaboration skills, Paula served as the DWR lead during the controversial San Joaquin River Settlement negotiations which required intense coordination with a multitude of cooperating agencies, consultants, stakeholders and litigants.

Paula is a graduate of California State University, Fresno where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Paula also holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Art and French, and a Master of Arts degree in Art History. Paula is a licensed Professional Engineer.

The Commission is very excited to work with someone of Paula's caliber and experience as our new Executive Officer. Please join me in congratulating Paula on her new assignment.

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Joseph Byrne, Chair