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## Governor Brown's State Water Board Appointee Felicia Marcus Confirmed by State Senate

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Today, the State Senate voted to confirm Felicia Marcus as a member of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), following the August 15 recommendation by the Senate Rules Committee that she serve on the board. On May 10, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. appointed Marcus to the State Water Board.

The five member State Water Board is responsible for protecting all water quality and water supplies in California. The Board is also responsible for the allocation of surface water supplies for agricultural, public trust, and urban purposes throughout the state.

"It is an honor to be appointed by Governor Brown and confirmed by the Senate," Marcus said. "After working on water quality and supply issues for more than 25 years both as a local and federal government official and as a public interest and private sector attorney, I look forward to working with the State Board at this critically important time in California's water history. The next four years will see a series of decisions that have the promise of both improving public health protection and of meeting the co-equal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem protection. The State Board will either make or be a critical player in those decisions.

"I am delighted to have been given this opportunity to serve in government again, especially focused on water and especially at a time when critical decisions will be made on both water quality and water supply. I hope to be a constructive force and make a difference for the better."

Marcus fills the position of the attorney and lives in Emeryville. Marcus's term expires in January 2015.

Prior to her appointment, Marcus was Western Director at the Natural Resources Defense Council since 2008 and was Executive Vice-president and Chief Operating Officer at the Trust for Public Land from 2001 to 2008. She served as the Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX from 1993 to 2001. Marcus was a Commissioner on the City of Los Angeles' Board of Public Works from 1989 to 1993 and served as President of the Board from 1991 to 1993. She was a Member of the Delta Stewardship Council from 2010 until she joined the State Board.





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She currently serves on many non-profit boards and Advisory Councils including the Public Policy Institute of California Statewide Leadership Council, Union of Concerned Scientists National Advisory Board, and the Center for Diversity and the Environment Advisory Board. She is also currently an Obama Administration appointee to the Commission on Environmental Cooperation-Joint Public Advisory Council (US, Mexico, Canada).

For more information on State Water Resources Control Board members, go to:  
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