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San Francisco Water Board's new Executive Officer Brings Land, Sea and Air Environmental Experience

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SACRAMENTO – The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board has selected Michael Montgomery, a leader in protecting and restoring water quality within California and throughout the Southwest and the Pacific Islands, as its next Executive Officer. He replaces Executive Officer Bruce Wolfe, who is retiring.

Montgomery, who is known for fostering collaborative relationships among stakeholders, is currently the Assistant Director of the Water Division in the US Environmental Protection Agency (Region 9). He also was a Senior Executive at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Assistant Director of the Superfund Division at US EPA Region 9, and served in numerous other senior leadership and supervisory positions in his 30-plus years with the Federal government.

“I have successfully managed large organizations in environmental programs including permitting and compliance, planning, budget and finance management, human resources, data quality, health and safety, and innovative incentives” the incoming Executive Officer said. “But most importantly, my values are aligned with the mission of the organization. I swim in the bay, fish in the bay and the ocean, and paddle where I can. I am avid in my belief that it is our obligation to protect and restore the rich resources we are blessed with for the generations to come.”

Montgomery earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Redlands, then went on to complete continuing education coursework in Environmental Chemistry, Hazardous Waste Treatment Technologies, Hydrogeology, and Hazardous Waste Site Characterization. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program in the US Office of Personnel Management.

Montgomery's accomplishments include the following: Providing leadership in protecting groundwater in California from oil production activities; directing the financial overhaul of loan fund programs in California and Hawaii that reduced unliquidated funds by more than \$400 million; leading Federal and State partnership in addressing drought-impacted Tribal Drinking Water systems and identifying \$3 million in targeted funding; heading the Region 9 Water program for the Gold King Mine Spill response and follow-on multi-jurisdictional collaboration in the San Juan River Basin.

Montgomery will be joining the Board under an Intergovernmental Personnel Act Assignment Agreement with the US Environmental Protection Agreement.

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