Whereas, William R. Mills, Jr., (Bill) has announced his retirement as General Manager of the Orange County Water District (OCWD) effective April 1, 2002. Bill has served with distinction as General Manager of OCWD for almost fifteen years since September, 1987;

Whereas, Bill has been a visionary leader and an important participant in water resources matters in California throughout his professional career;

Whereas, as General Manager of OCWD and as a commissioner for the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), Bill has provided great leadership to implement projects to achieve major water quality benefits and improvements within the Santa Ana Region. These projects will provide great benefits to the citizens of Orange County and the Region, and will withstand the test of time; and

Whereas, Bill has been an outspoken supporter of implementation of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) and the need to make significant and real efforts to protect water quality and improve areas already degraded.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, expresses its sincere appreciation to William R. Mills, Jr., for his support of the Board’s water quality programs and for a job well done; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board wishes Bill great success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

March 15, 2002

Carole H. Beswick, Chair

Fred M. Ameri, Vice-Chair