

**State of California
California Regional Water Quality Control
Board Santa Ana Region
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ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: Recognition of Chair William Ruh

William Ruh has been a member of the Santa Ana Water Board since 2002. In 2009, Mr. Ruh was elected Vice Chair of the Santa Ana Water Board and in 2014, was elected Chair.

For the past seven years as Chair of the Santa Ana Water Board, Mr. Ruh has provided strong and effective Board leadership. He has been very active in statewide Water Board leadership efforts including participation in the Annual Chair's meeting and participation in the Annual Water Quality Coordination Committee meetings.

Under Chair Ruh's tenure, the Santa Ana Water Board has had numerous accomplishments including, but certainly not limited, to the following:

- 2009/2010 adoption of Municipal Storm Water Permits for Orange County, Riverside County and San Bernardino County;
- 2016 adoption of the Conditional Waiver of Agricultural Operations (CWAD) in the San Jacinto watershed;
- 2017 adoption of the Newport Bay Watershed Selenium Total Maximum Daily Load;
- Adoption of the Scrap Metal Facilities Storm Water Permit in 2012 and 2018;
- Resolution of long term wastewater treatment issues in the City of Beaumont in 2020;
- 2019 adoption of the Newport Bay Fecal Coliform Time Schedule Order; and
- 2019 adoption of the Human Right to Water Resolution.

For all of these efforts, along with the ongoing Poseidon Huntington Beach desalination permit process, Chair Ruh has always conducted Santa Ana Water Board Meetings, Public Workshops and Public Hearings in a professional manner with an emphasis on ensuring that the public has adequate opportunity to address the Santa Ana Water Board. In all instances, his leadership and public outreach have served the Santa Ana Water Board and the public very well.

The Santa Ana Water Board thanks Chair Ruh for his past leadership and look forward to continuing to utilize his expertise and experiences in future Santa Ana Water Board actions and endeavors.

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