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**Otay Water District Board Member Gary Croucher Elected as Vice Chair
of San Diego County Water Authority Board**

Croucher has Served on Both Water Boards for Nearly Two Decades

Spring Valley, CA – Today, Board member of the Otay Water District Gary Croucher, officially will begin to serve his two-year term as Vice Chair of the San Diego County Water Authority’s Board of Directors.

At its Sept. 27 meeting, the Water Authority Board unanimously elected Croucher as incoming Vice Chair, along with Jim Madaffer from the City of San Diego as incoming Chair and Christy Guerin from Olivenhain Municipal Water District as incoming Secretary.

“The Water Authority has been providing a safe a reliable supply to the San Diego region for more than 70 years,” says Croucher. “With my long-term dedication to both water boards, I’m committed to working with the Water Authority Board and its incoming officers so we can continue the agency’s efforts to ensure long-term water supply reliability through local supply development; advocate for balanced state water-use regulations; promote water-use efficiency; and embrace cost-effective innovations to maintain and operate the county’s water system.”

Croucher has served on the Water Authority’s Board for more than 17 years, since July 2001, and served as Board secretary for the past two years. He is a member of the Water Authority’s Administrative and Finance Committee and the Legislation and Public Outreach Committee. He has also served as the Water Authority’s alternate to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

Croucher has served on the Otay Board for almost two decades, since 2001. He was appointed in 2001 by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. Following his appointment, the public elected Croucher for four consecutive four-year terms to the Division 3 seat in November 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. He has served as president of the Otay Board three times and as chair of its various committees. He

serves on the Engineering, Operations, and Water Resources Committee, and as Otay's alternate on the WaterReuse Association.

A 30-year firefighter, Croucher is the Assistant Chief for CAL Fire/San Diego County fire. He also is a former fire chief of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District, past president of Southern Area Fire Equipment Research and has participated on both state and federal Homeland Security programs.

The Water Authority is governed by a 36-member Board of Directors representing the 24 member agencies in San Diego County, one of which is the Otay Water District.

The Otay Water District is a public agency distributing water to more than 225,000 customers within approximately 125 square miles of southeastern San Diego County, including the communities of Otay Mesa, Chula Vista, Jamul, Spring Valley, Rancho San Diego, and unincorporated areas of El Cajon and La Mesa. For more information on the Otay Water District, visit otaywater.gov.

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