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MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Brian W. Jones, 38th Senatorial District; the Honorable Toni G. Atkins, President pro Tempore of the California State Senate; the Honorable Patricia C. Bates, 36th Senatorial District; the Honorable Ben Hueso, 40th Senatorial District; the Honorable Tasha Boerner Horvath, 76th Assembly District; the Honorable Todd Gloria, 78th Assembly District; the Honorable Lorena S. Gonzalez, 80th Assembly District; the Honorable Brian Maienschein, 77th Assembly District; the Honorable Randy Voepel, 71st Assembly District; the Honorable Marie Waldron, 75th Assembly District; and the Honorable Shirley N. Weber, 79th Assembly District; Relative to commending

MAUREEN A. STAPLETON

WHEREAS, Following more than two decades of leadership

securing reliable water supplies for the San Diego region and advancing sound water policies statewide, Maureen A. Stapleton is retiring as General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority after 23 years of dedicated service, and it is appropriate at this time to highlight her many achievements and extend special public recognition and commendations to her for her professional and civic leadership; and

WHEREAS, With more than four decades in public service, Maureen Stapleton began her career as Assistant City Manager for the City of Claremont before commencing her work for the City of San Diego, rising to the role of Assistant City Manager, and she assumed her duties as General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority in January 1996; and

WHEREAS, With dedication, determination, and vision, Maureen Stapleton implemented numerous successful Water Authority projects and programs as part of a multidecade strategy to diversify and improve the reliability of San Diego County's water supply, which now supports a \$220 billion economy and the quality of life of 3.3 million people; and

WHEREAS, As General Manager, Maureen Stapleton oversaw the greatest investment in large-scale regional water infrastructure in San Diego County history, including the first

major new dam and reservoir in 50 years and the nation's largest seawater desalination plant--an investment that provides significant protections for the San Diego region in the event of imported water supply emergencies and droughts; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Maureen Stapleton successfully negotiated the largest agriculture-to-urban water conservation and transfer agreement in United States history on behalf of San Diego County water ratepayers, and water transfers to the region from the 2003 Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) have already exceeded 2 million acre-feet, and over the life of the QSA, the Water Authority will receive up to 21.4 million acre-feet; and

WHEREAS, By implementing numerous cutting-edge urban water conservation policies and programs, Maureen Stapleton has led the San Diego region to reduce per capita water use by more than 40 percent from 1990 levels while enhancing the Water Authority's reputation as an innovative, effective, and efficient public agency; and

WHEREAS, Having been a vital part of the San Diego region's civic leadership for decades, Maureen Stapleton has served as a member of the boards of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, United Way of San Diego County, Combined Health

Agencies, Scripps Health, the Hans and Margaret Doe Charitable Trust, and Water for People, an international organization that promotes the development of drinking water and sanitation services in developing countries worldwide; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATOR BRIAN W. JONES, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE TONI G. ATKINS, SENATORS PATRICIA C. BATES AND BEN HUESO, AND ASSEMBLY MEMBERS TASHA BOERNER HORVATH, TODD GLORIA, LORENA S. GONZALEZ, BRIAN MAIENSCHHEIN, RANDY VOEPEL, MARIE WALDRON, AND SHIRLEY N. WEBER, That Maureen A. Stapleton, General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority, be commended for her long and distinguished record of professional service and for her outstanding civic leadership, and extended sincere best wishes for a rewarding and gratifying retirement.

Dated this 28th day of February, 2019.

Honorable Brian W. Jones

38th Senatorial District