



**Long Beach Water Department**  
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**Regional Water Leader Elected President of Board of Water Commissioners**

LONG BEACH, CA -Today the Board announced the election of Helen Z. Hansen as President of the Board of Water Commissioners. She will begin serving her term at the Thursday, October 7, Board of Water Commissioners meeting held at the Brennan S. Thomas Water Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow. Currently in her second term, Ms. Hansen was originally appointed to serve as a member of the Board in August 1996 by Long Beach Mayor, Beverly O'Neill.

Ms. Hansen is a member in the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California's Board of Directors. Among her many responsibilities, she currently serves as Board Secretary, a member of the Board's Executive Committee, and as Chair of the Board's Desalination Subcommittee, an influential body responsible for setting policy on this promising and potentially impacting water resource. Ms. Hansen previously had a 38-year career in Long Beach education, serving in many enriching roles including Superintendent of High Schools for the Long Beach Unified School District. She retired in 1995. She is a graduate of Long Beach Polytechnic High School and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Masters degree in Education, both from Stanford University.

The Board also announced the elections of Stephen T. Conley as Vice President and Frank Clarke as Secretary. Dr. Mike Walter and Bennett A. Long continue to serve as members of the Commission.

The Long Beach Water Department is a large, urban Southern California municipal water supply agency. Since 1931, the Department has been governed by a Board of five Water Commissioners, each appointed to a five-year term by the Mayor, subject to approval of the City Council.