



Long Beach Water Department
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**Long Beach City Council Re-appoints Helen Hansen to
Influential Water Board**

LONG BEACH, CA - On Tuesday, December 7, the Long Beach City Council re-appointed Helen Z. Hansen, current President of the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners, to the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California. She will begin serving her term at the Tuesday, January 11, 2005, Board of Directors meeting held at MWD Headquarters. Ms. Hansen was nominated by Mayor Beverly O'Neill.

MWD is the largest water wholesale agency in the United States and supplies water to over 17 million people living and working in Southern California. MWD is governed by a 37-member Board of Directors and was created by the State Legislature in 1928. The City of Long Beach joined the District in 1931 and is one of its 13 original member agencies.

Finishing her second term as a representative of the City on MWD's Board of Directors, Ms. Hansen is entrusted to ensure the City's water interests are met. 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, who retired in 1995, 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 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.

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