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FORMER CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLYMAN VAN TRAN APPOINTED TO ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. December 9, 2022 – Attorney Van Tran was appointed to the Orange County Water District (OCWD, the District) Board of Directors to represent Division 4, which includes the cities of Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, and parts of Cypress, Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Westminster, and Buena Park.

“I am honored to serve on the OCWD Board representing the residents and businesses of Division 4,” said Director Tran. “Water is one of our most important resources, and I will work hard to guide policies that ensure its sustainability for generations to come.”

OCWD’s Board of Directors appointed Tran after the Division 4 seat was vacated by former Director Tri Ta, who was elected to represent California’s 70th Assembly District.

“I welcome Van Tran onto the OCWD Board of Directors,” said OCWD President Steve Sheldon. “Director Tran has a highly regarded legacy of public service in Orange County, and it is a privilege to work alongside him as we continue to provide a reliable water supply to 2.5 million residents.”

Director Tran is an attorney and former elected official, having served as a member of the California State Assembly, representing District 68. Tran was the first Vietnamese American in the nation to serve in any state legislature. During his three terms of service between 2004 and 2010, he served as Assistant Minority Leader as well as on several important policy committees including Vice-Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Environmental and Toxic Materials. Prior to serving in the Assembly, Tran was elected to the Garden Grove City Council with the highest number of votes in city history and became only the second Vietnamese American to be elected to office in the United States. Tran, married with three children, resides in Westminster.

Director Tran is part of a 10-member board of directors at OCWD. The remaining directors and their divisions are: Dina L. Nguyen, Esq., Division 1; Denis R. Bilodeau, P.E., Division 2; Roger C. Yoh, P.E., Division 3; Stephen R. Sheldon, Division 5; Cathy Green, Division 6; Kelly Rowe, CFM, P.G., C.E.G., C.H., Division 7; Nelida Mendoza, Division 8; Gloria Ma’ae, Division 9; and Bruce Whitaker, Division 10. Biographies and photographs of all OCWD Board of Directors are available at <https://www.ocwd.com/about/servicearea-board-of-directors>.

The Orange County Water District is committed to enhancing Orange County’s groundwater quality and reliability in an environmentally friendly and economical manner. The following cities rely on the groundwater basin, managed by OCWD, to provide 77% of their water demands: Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Orange, Placentia, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster, and Yorba Linda. For more information about OCWD, please visit www.ocwd.com, like @OCWaterDistrict on Facebook, follow @OCWDWaterNews on Twitter, follow @OCWD on Instagram, and follow Orange County Water District on LinkedIn.