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Goleta Water District Appoints New General Manager

GOLETA, California – The Goleta Water District has appointed John McInnes as its new General Manager. Mr. McInnes will assume office on December 7, 2009.

“We’re delighted that John has decided to join the Goleta Water District as our General Manager”, said Bert Bertrando, President of the District’s Board of Directors. “We needed someone with a good understanding of local issues and with the knowledge and experience to implement the Board’s policies and help us formulate our strategic plans and goals.”

Mr. McInnes comes to the Goleta Water District from the County of Santa Barbara where he served as the Assistant County Executive Officer. In that capacity he was responsible for the effective management of the physical services departments including Public Works, Planning & Development, Parks, the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office, Housing and Community Development and the Redevelopment Agency. From 2005 to 2008, Mr. McInnes was the County’s Director of Long-Range Planning. Prior to joining the County, Mr. McInnes owned and managed a civil engineering and consulting firm and a solid waste recycling and collection company.

Mr. Bertrando commented further, “John brings a deep knowledge of the community and of local government that our Board found very appealing. We believe that anyone who interacts with the District, from our customers, to other governmental agencies and the many companies we do business with, will feel comfortable dealing with John.”

Mr. McInnes said he is excited to begin working for the District. “The Goleta Water District has a great track record of providing affordable and reliable service to its customers. Like the rest of California, the District faces a range of critical issues, including water supply and conservation, that will continue to demand sound policy decisions,” Mr. McInnes said. “My public policy and planning experience and management skills will help me hit the ground running. I’m looking forward to working with a great group of people.”

Mr. McInnes will report to the District’s Board of Directors and will be responsible for the District’s operations and staffing, including the planning and designing of facilities, their operation and maintenance and the administration of the District’s business affairs.

The Goleta Water District’s service area spans 29,000 acres from the western edge of the City of Santa Barbara to El Capitan. The District provides water to a population of over 80,000 and has an annual operating budget in excess of \$25 million.

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