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Board appoints new Director to fill vacant Division 5 seat

Longtime Diamond Bar resident Jody Roberto selected from 10 applicants.

CLAREMONT, CA – Longtime Diamond Bar resident Jody Roberto was appointed on Monday, January 20, to fill the vacant Division 5 seat on the Three Valleys Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

Roberto replaces Joe Ruzicka, who passed away in December after 16 years on the Board. Roberto originally managed Ruzicka's campaign for the Board and has served as a field and water policy representative for Bob Huff, former State Assemblyman and Senator.

"We were looking for a candidate who had extensive community involvement and experience and we found that in Jody Roberto," Board President Bob Kuhn said. "Her knowledge of the district and of water issues, as well as her legislative background and her skill for building relationships, make her an important asset to the Three Valleys Board."

Roberto is a 34-year resident of Diamond Bar and a public affairs consultant. She has been an active member of the Diamond Bar Community Foundation Board of Directors since 2002, serving in numerous leadership roles and raising money for art, recreation and cultural programs in the city.

"My experience with Three Valleys has always been one of admiration and respect for the work the Board and staff do daily for their member agencies," Roberto said. "I look forward to representing the community on the Board and carrying out the important work of water management for the region."

Roberto also serves as chair of the 55th Assembly District Central Committee, is a Board member at Boys Republic in Chino Hills and an Advisory Board member for Pomona Valley Hospital and the Pacific Crest Drum and Bugle Corps. She holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Cal Poly Pomona.

Roberto was one of three finalists selected from 10 applicants. The Board began the process of publicly interviewing the finalists in a January 16 special meeting but had a split vote and returned on January 20 when the full Board was present. The vote was 5-0 in favor of Roberto, with Director Carlos Goytia abstaining.

Roberto's seat will be open for the November 2020 election.

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In 1950, Pomona Valley Municipal Water District (PVMWD) was formed under State law for the purpose of annexing to the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), thereby entitling the area to receive water imported to the region. The District changed its name to Three Valleys Municipal Water District in 1981.

TVMWD, a water resources management agency is governed by an elected Board of seven officials and covers approximately 133 square miles. The present population is about 525,000. Since its formation the Three Valleys Municipal Water District has installed some 37,000 feet of pipeline and delivered more than 160 billion gallons of water.