



# Media Release

## **Jayne Joy appointed executive officer of Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board**

### ***Hope Smythe retiring after 37-year career***

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**SACRAMENTO** – The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board has appointed Jayne Joy as its new executive officer. Joy replaces Hope Smythe, who devoted 37 years to the regional board and served as executive officer since 2017.

“The board is very happy that Jayne will be our next executive officer,” said Lana Peterson, chair of the Santa Ana Water Board. “Her expertise, collaborative spirit, problem solving abilities and dedication to the mission will serve us and the public well. Hope, of course, will be greatly missed. We are extremely grateful for her leadership and contributions to protect water quality and wish her all the best in her retirement.”

Joy, an engineer who was promoted in July, was the regional board’s assistant executive officer since November 2017. Since earning a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, San Diego in chemical engineering, she has managed a broad array of environmental programs in Southern California in the areas of water and wastewater treatment, groundwater studies and remediation, and solid waste management.

“Under Hope Smythe’s leadership, the Santa Ana Water Board has been known for collaborating with stakeholders to develop creative and innovative solutions to the region’s water quality issues,” Joy said. “I plan to continue that legacy because it works. “We’re faced with water quality challenges related to prolonged drought and emerging contaminants. If we can manage those challenges well, then we can develop solutions that protect the water quality in the Santa Ana Watershed and benefit our communities.”

Joy began her career managing the environmental programs at the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and in 2001 transitioned to leading the environmental programs for Eastern Municipal Water District in San Jacinto Watershed.



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She replaces the retiring Smythe, whose significant accomplishments include serving a primary role in the development of the discharge permit and compliance requirements during the multi-year adoption process for the Poseidon Resources Desalination Facility in Huntington Beach.

“It has been my honor to work for the Santa Ana Water Board for the past 37 years and, during the last four years as executive officer, where I’ve strived to protect our water resources,” said Smythe. “Ms. Joy is an excellent choice as my successor. She is a leader who will continue the effective collaborative approach to water quality oversight in the region.”

*The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board is comprised of three divisions: Stormwater/Wastewater/Agriculture and Cannabis, Regional Planning, and Groundwater Protection. The Water Boards’ mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California’s water resources and ensure proper allocation and efficient, beneficial use for present and future generations.*