

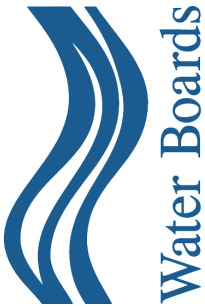


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SACRAMENTO— An engineer with a quarter century’s experience in water leadership will be the new Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board).

The board members selected Chief Deputy Director Tom Howard to succeed Dorothy Rice who will retire next month.

“Tom has demonstrated leadership ability and a thorough mastery of California’s complex water issues. As Chief Deputy Director, he has served multiple times as Acting Executive Director and we have seen his leadership skills in action. He is not only known and trusted by us, but by our stakeholders and staff. He will hit the ground running,” said Board Chair Charlie Hoppin,

Howard has been with the Water Board, in a variety of increasingly responsible positions, since 1984. He served in his current capacity as Chief Deputy Director since 2003. He is a registered Professional Chemical Engineer and holds a B.A. from UC Berkeley and Masters Degrees from both Cal Tech and UC Davis.

Howard will officially become Executive Director upon Dorothy Rice’s retirement August 6.

The State Water Board's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations.

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