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LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD APPOINTS TRACY EGOSCUE AS NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board is proud to announce the appointment of Tracy Egoscue as its new Executive Officer.

Since 2001, Ms. Egoscue has worked closely with staff of the Los Angeles Regional Board - first as a Deputy Attorney General in the Natural Resources Section of the California Department of Justice, and currently as the Executive Director of the Santa Monica Baykeeper. Ms. Egoscue's experience includes appointments to the Governing Board of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, the Board of the California Climate Action Registry, and the Technical Advisory Committee of the Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response.

The Regional Board considered a diverse and well-qualified candidate pool before making the appointment last Thursday night. "We were struck by Tracy's track record of strong environmental advocacy while building bridges with the regulated community to implement our water quality laws," stated Fran Diamond, Chair of the Regional Board. Last year, Ms. Egoscue worked with Regional Board staff to negotiate a \$2.5 million settlement with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County over the 2006 Manhattan Beach sewage spill and helped to defend the Los Angeles municipal storm water permit. In 2004, she negotiated a multi-billion settlement that led to a plan to upgrade the city of Los Angeles' sanitary sewer lines. "We were especially impressed that many of her former adversaries supported her application for this position," said Diamond.

"The Executive Officer can and should work to build consensus among the various stakeholders that appear in front of the Board. At the same time, the Executive Officer has an incredible responsibility to help the Board protect water quality," said Egoscue. "This Regional Board is considered a statewide leader in water quality protection. I am excited about working collaboratively with our regulated and environmental stakeholders to continue that progress."

Egoscue will join the Regional Board in early October. During the first two weeks of her tenure, Egoscue plans to focus her attention in-house, working with staff, and thereafter to reach out to engage the many communities and stakeholders across the region. "I want our stakeholders to know that I intend to be accessible, I intend to listen, and that I will work hard to try to address their concerns. I also intend to ensure that the Regional Board faithfully and consistently enforces our water quality regulations." (END)