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STATE WATER CONTRACTORS NAME JENNIFER PIERRE GENERAL MANAGER

After a six-month search, the State Water Contractors (SWC) today announced Jennifer Pierre as the organization’s incoming general manager, succeeding Terry Erlewine. Pierre has a strong background in water project operations, infrastructure, environmental compliance and complex regulatory issues. She is uniquely qualified to lead the organization as it takes on some of the state’s most challenging water supply, environmental and infrastructure needs.

“This is both an exciting and a critical time for the State Water Project and the State Water Contractors and I’m excited to lead this dynamic organization into the future,” said Pierre. “Working with our partners throughout the state, we’ll continue to find solutions to our water resource management issues that result in a reliable and sustainable future for California’s water supplies.”

Pierre’s depth of expertise and leadership skills have already helped her adeptly and successfully navigate today’s complex environment. In her role at ICF International, Pierre led critical elements of California WaterFix and the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. She has an in-depth understanding of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, a key focus for SWC’s member agencies.

“Twenty-six million Californians, businesses and farms depend on the State Water Project,” said Douglas Headrick, SWC Board President. “It’s a big job, and we’re pleased to have Jennifer at the helm.”

Pierre will assume her role as general manager on March 6.

A statewide, non-profit association of 27 public water agencies, SWC has worked since 1982 to reliably manage water supplies that fuel California’s farms and statewide economy while protecting the environment, public health and future water security. Collectively, SWC members deliver water to more than 26 million residents throughout the state and more than 750,000 acres of agricultural land.

Pierre will replace Terry Erlewine, who is retiring after 22 years as SWC’s general manager.

“We extend our deepest gratitude to Terry for his great contributions and leadership in the water community and within this organization,” said Headrick. “His years of service have been instrumental, and the benefits will be long-lasting.”

Mr. Erlewine’s last day at SWC will be on April 4. For more information on SWC, please visit swc.org.
The State Water Contractors is a statewide, non-profit association of 27 public agencies from Northern, Central and Southern California that purchase water under contract from the California State Water Project. Collectively the State Water Contractors deliver water to more than 27 million residents throughout the state and more than 750,000 acres of agricultural land. For more information on the State Water Contractors, please visit www.swc.org.