

# YUIMA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

## *NEWS RELEASE*

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The Board of Directors of the Yuima Municipal Water District appointed Richard Williamson as General Manager for the District effective April 17, 2017. The action took place at the Board of Directors meeting held Monday, April 10, 2017.

Board President Bill Knutson commented that Mr. Williamson brings many years of water utility management experience to the position, as well as being well versed in groundwater matters given his past experience in Southern California and Arizona. Mr. Williamson is also well versed in utility finance and government grants. "We believe the breadth of his capabilities and experience will serve the District and its ratepayers well."

Mr. Williamson is a registered civil engineer and land surveyor licensed by the State of California. He has a Bachelor of Science in Water Resources Engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles as well as extensive graduate level work in public management. His past experience includes serving as a project manager in the water programs division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Safe Drinking Water Manager for the State of Arizona, and executive level positions with numerous



small water providers in rural Arizona, as well as the City of Tucson, Rancho California Water District, and most recently the City of Carlsbad.

Additionally, Mr. Williamson has served on the Groundwater Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies since 2009, and testified as an expert witness in groundwater disputes before several jurisdictions. Mr. Williamson stated that he is pleased and excited to work with the Board of Directors and the community as they face the challenges of the recent Sustainable Groundwater Management Act,

and to provide for solutions to reliably meet customer needs through infrastructure improvements that prove reliable and cost efficient.

Mr. Williamson lives in Temecula with his wife Dee, and together they have five grown children. He is a native of the area, having grown up in Escondido and graduating from Orange Glen High School. Williamson related “that having grown up in the area, as well as being a small rancher in Arizona will help me to relate to the issues and opportunities for the agricultural community in Pauma Valley, and I look forward to working with the ratepayers as we develop actions to meet local water supply needs.”