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Subject: CCWD Hires New General Manager

SAN ANDREAS, CA - The Calaveras County Water District (CCWD) Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Mitchell S. Dion as its new General Manager. The Board announced Dion's appointment at their November 14th Board Meeting; Dion will begin his duties at CCWD on December 10th. Dion was recently the General Manager

of Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District near Escondido in Southern California and was Chairman of the Water Planning Committee for the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors.

Dion is originally from the Sacramento area, graduating from CSU in Sacramento and receiving his Master of Science Degree from University of Southern California. He is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Marine Corps having served over 30 years split between the active and reserve forces.

In addition to overseeing military base facilities and operations, he has managed water and wastewater facilities for small and large cities throughout the western states, including Washington, Nevada, Texas, Arizona, Hawaii and California. He has held senior leadership and policy roles in both Northern and Southern California water agencies and has hands-on experience in water and resource management from Federal, State, County, Municipal and Special District perspectives. Engineering technology focused, his accomplishments include successful integration of resource management objectives into community solutions. He is active on several state level initiatives and participates in legislative oriented activities at both the Association of California Water Agencies and California Special District Association. Dion was also Deputy Public Works Director for the City of Woodland and managed the Northern California Division of California American Water serving 70,000 connections in Sacramento, Placer and Sonoma Counties.

Dion is married to wife Peri and they have two children Zach (17) and Caitlin (14).