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San Bernardino Water Board President Cecilia “Toni” Callicott Recognized as a “Woman of Distinction” by Eloise Gómez Reyes

San Bernardino, CA (March 17, 2025) – Cecilia “Toni” Callicott has been selected as a 2025 “Woman of Distinction” by Senator Eloise Gómez Reyes, Senate District 29. Each year, Senator Reyes honors women who have made a difference by inspiring others and transforming lives through community service. The award honors women who have demonstrated leadership, resilience and dedication in fields such as public service, education, healthcare, business and advocacy. The honorees represent the best of the 29th Senate District shaping a brighter future for the region.

“The Women of Distinction have dedicated their lives to lifting up our communities,” said Senator Reyes. “They are the trailblazers creating a lasting impact for many years to come and we take this time to recognize their hard work, honor their contributions and ensure that their voices are heard.”

Toni has a long history of supporting the city as a strong advocate for preservation of water resources to enhance the quality of life in this region. She has served as a Commissioner on the City of San Bernardino Water Board for 26 years and as President since 2007. She has also served as Chair of the San Bernardino Civil Service Commission and Chair of the Juvenile Justice Commission for San Bernardino County.

“I am so honored to receive this recognition from Senator Reyes, I have always believed in the advocating for those in need and leading with compassion,” she said.

Toni has devoted her life to identifying the need for community services and providing them to underserved populations. Some of Toni’s community spirit is reflected by her direct involvement with many charitable organizations. Toni is past President of the Arrowhead United Way and the American Cancer Society. She has served as CEO of the Inland Empire Chapter of the American Red Cross, Vice Chair of the American Heart Association, and Vice Chair of Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. She is a Board member of the California Housing Foundation and served as a Board member of the National Orange Show.

With a background in healthcare services, Toni has served in many positions with St. Bernardine’s Medical Center including Chair of the St. Bernardine Medical Center Foundation, Chair of the St. Bernardine Medical Center Community Board of Directors and Director of Marketing & Philanthropy.

About San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

Established by the City of San Bernardino Charter in 1905, the San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (SBMWD) is a municipal utility serving a population of more than 200,000, encompassing a forty-five square mile area of the City of San Bernardino and its surrounding communities. SBMWD also provides Water Reclamation services for the cities of San Bernardino and Loma Linda and Sewer Collection services for the City of San Bernardino. For over a century, SBMWD has been committed to delivering trusted, quality service to residents and ratepayers. Please visit SBMWD.org for more information.

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