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New General Manager Selected for Zone 7
Duerig lauded for her unique mix of technical, legal and managerial skills

Jill Duerig, assistant general manager of the Livermore-Amador Valley's Zone 7 Water Agency, was selected Wednesday night by the Zone 7 Board of Directors to replace retiring General Manager Dale Myers.

Myers announced last month that he will retire at the end of February 2007. The board voted unanimously in closed session Wednesday to name Duerig as his successor.

“We all felt that going through a formal recruitment process could not result in a better, more highly qualified candidate,” said board President Jim Concannon. “We are really excited to have Jill take the helm. Her unique mix of technical, legal and managerial experience—coupled with her innate ability to relate and work with people—will greatly serve the interests of our community. She is a leader and a listener, and will go far in helping Zone 7 forge the evolving regional partnerships necessary to meet its future challenges in water supply, water quality and flood control.”

Duerig has educational degrees and professional experience as an engineer, chemist and a lawyer. She joined Zone 7 in June 2005 and was soon promoted to assistant general manager of engineering—overseeing capital projects, water quality, groundwater, water resources and advance planning.

She had worked the previous two years as general manager/chief engineer for the Scotts Valley Water District. Prior to that, she spent three years as an associate attorney in a private

law firm specializing in construction, environmental and water law—almost exclusively for public agency clients. Duerig worked from 1986 to 1998 for the Alameda County Water District, serving the Fremont- Newark-Union City area, in various capacities, including as production manager and division engineer in groundwater resources.

A contract and salary for Duerig will be considered by the full board at its January meeting.

Zone 7, which provides wholesale water to Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, and which provides flood protection to all of eastern Alameda County, has 110 employees. For fiscal year 2006-07, it has an operating budget of \$37.8 million and a capital budget of \$49.8 million.

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The Zone 7 Water Agency is one of the 10 active zones of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The District was established by the State Legislature in October 1949 to solve problems of flooding, drainage, channel erosion and water supply and conservation in Alameda County. In 1957, by popular vote, Zone 7 became a special district governed by a seven-member board of directors. Along with flood protection, Zone 7 supplies water to all of eastern Alameda County and a population of more than 190,000. Treated water is sold wholesale to local retailers, including the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, the Dublin San Ramon Services District, and the California Water Service Company. Zone 7 also distributes untreated water to local agriculture operations and golf courses.