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Kern County Water Agency Announces New Director

BAKERSFIELD – Today, the Kern County Water Agency (Agency) is announcing Charles (Bill) W. Wulff, Jr. as the new Director of Division 5, which generally encompasses central and southern portions of metropolitan Bakersfield. Mr. Wulff won the recent election and will replace Adrienne (Ann) Mathews, who served as Division 5 Director for 28 years. Mr. Wulff’s service began January 5, 2015, and he was sworn in at today’s Board of Directors (Board) meeting.

“The Agency welcomes Bill Wulff and looks forward to working together to preserve and enhance California’s water supplies and provide a more secure water supply for Kern County,” said Ted Page, Agency Board President.

Mr. Wulff’s background in water spans over 40 years, with the first years spent working for the City of Santa Barbara as a Water Treatment Operator. He joined the Kern County Water Agency in 1977 as one of the original staff members to operate the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant. Mr. Wulff rose in managerial responsibility including Operations Supervisor and Superintendent positions, before being promoted to Manager of Improvement District No. 4. During his years of employment, Mr. Wulff attained the highest levels of certification in both areas of treatment and distribution, developed the original U. S. Environmental Protection Agency-mandated Kern River Sanitary Survey and the Agency’s first formal water education program with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Wulff also worked on a variety of water supply engineering and construction projects at the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant. Since 2004, Mr. Wulff has operated his own consulting business, CW Wulff Associates, where he has specialized in water training, education and office management.

“The water community is facing significant water supply challenges, and I am grateful for the opportunity to address these challenges and to serve the residents of Kern County,” said Director Wulff.

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The Kern County Water Agency (Agency) was created in 1961 by a special act of the State Legislature and serves as the local contracting entity for the State Water Project. The Agency, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011, participates in a wide scope of management activities, including water quality, flood control and groundwater operations to preserve and enhance Kern County’s water supply—the main ingredient for the well-being of an economy.