



## Gloria D. Gray, Chairwoman Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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Gloria D. Gray took office as chairwoman of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board of Directors on January 1, 2019. She is the first African-American to lead the board and only the second woman to do so in the district's 90-year history.

Gray began her career in water in 2006 when she was elected to the West Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors. She was the first African-American woman elected to that board in its 65 years and served as board president in 2010. She represents the Division II cities of Inglewood, South Ladera Heights, Lennox and the areas of Athens, Howard and Ross-Sexton. In 2009, Gray was appointed to Metropolitan's board of directors to serve as one of two West Basin representatives.

In 2017, Gray was appointed chair of the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee which focuses on Metropolitan water projects, program and forward-looking planning for the region. While at Metropolitan, she has also served on the Executive Committee, Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee, Special Committee on Bay-Delta, and as vice chair of Communication and Legislative Committee.

In April 2010, Gray was appointed by former Assembly Speaker Karen Bass to the Delta Stewardship Council, where she served a four-year term. During her tenure, she helped gain broader public input on key issues in order to develop a comprehensive Delta Plan.

Before she began her work in water, Gray, an Inglewood resident, was elected to the Inglewood Unified School District Board of Education in 1995 and served as president for two terms.

Gray has also served on the Association of California Water Agencies Region 8, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, and the Oversight Commission for the dissolution of the City of Carson Redevelopment Agency. She was also appointed by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors to serve on a Water Quality Community Task Force, which is part of the County's Clean Water, Clean Beaches initiative to address pollution in local waterways.

Gray has been honored with various awards and distinctions over the past decade, including the "Honorable Harriett Wieder" award for leadership in water from the Southern California Water Committee, the Visionary of the Year award by Playa Vista Jobs for her work in the water industry and Leadership California's 2019 Legacy of Service Award for her extraordinary leadership in the public sector.

Gray earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in the Business Administration Program at the University of Redlands and her Health Services Management Certificate from the University of California Los Angeles. She retired as a Health Care Administrator from the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services and has been a proud union member of SEIU Local 721 for more than 30 years.