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**Santa Fe Irrigation District Board of Directors Elects Board President**

The Board of Directors of the Santa Fe Irrigation District, at their January 18, 2007 regular meeting, elected board officers who will serve a two-year term.

The Board unanimously elected Robert "Bud" Irvin as the President of the Board and Kenneth B. Dunford as Vice President. In addition, the Board re-appointed Michael J. Bardin, District General Manager, to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the District. President Irvin stated, "I am proud to serve as President of the Santa Fe Irrigation District Board of Directors. The District is very fortunate to have an outstanding board comprised of successful individuals who have chosen to serve their community. I'm looking forward to working with an exciting team, as we continue to improve and enhance the efficient operation of the Santa Fe Irrigation District".

Irvin, a Solana Beach resident, was re-elected to a second two-year term as Board President. He has been a director for the District since 1997. He previously served as the District's representative at the San Diego County Water Authority from 2001 to 2006 and currently represents the District as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the R.E. Badger Water Facilities Financing Authority. As Board President, he also chairs the District's Executive Committee and Finance Committee. He is the representative of Division 2, on the Santa Fe Board of Directors.

Dunford has been a Director for Santa Fe since 2002. He also represents the District on the Board of Directors of the R.E. Badger Water Facilities Financing Authority. He chairs the Water Resources Committee and serves on the Executive Committee. Dunford is a resident of Rancho Santa Fe and is the representative of Division 1, on the Santa Fe Board of Directors.

Other Santa Fe Irrigation District Board members include Augustus "Augie" Daddi, Division 5, Solana Beach; Michael T. Hogan, Division 4, Solana Beach; and John S. Ingalls, Division 3, Rancho Santa Fe. Director Daddi is Chair of the Organization and Personnel Committee and serves on the Joint Facilities Advisory Committee. Director Hogan serves as the District's representative at the San Diego County Water Authority. He also serves on the Water Resources Committee, Organization and Personnel Committee, and Joint Facilities Advisory Committee. Director Ingalls serves on the Finance Committee and represents the District as a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee and City of San Diego Western San Dieguito River Valley Task Force for the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority.

Ingalls also serves as an Alternate Commissioner on the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) representing all special districts in San Diego County.

**Background:** The Santa Fe Irrigation District was formed in 1923 under the California Irrigation District Act. The District provides water and related services to residential, commercial and agricultural customers in the San Diego County communities of Rancho Santa Fe, Solana Beach and Fairbanks Ranch. The District provides service to about 22,000 customers in a 16-square-mile area. The District supplies over 4.5 billion gallons (or 14,000 acre feet) of water per year to its customers, utilizing a blend of local water from Lake Hodges and imported water purchased through the San Diego County Water Authority. The District manages and operates the R.E. Badger Filtration Plant, a 40 million gallon per day water treatment plant jointly owned with the San Dieguito Water District.

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