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## **Regional Water Authority Elects Leadership for 2011** *El Dorado Irrigation District Official to Guide Region as New Chair*

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – Bill George, a member of the El Dorado Irrigation District Board of Directors, has been elected chair of the Regional Water Authority (RWA) Board of Directors for 2011. Marty Hanneman, director of the City of Sacramento’s Department of Utilities, has been elected vice chair.

George, who has been a member of RWA’s Executive Committee since 2009, is serving his second four-year term on the El Dorado Irrigation District board. He served as RWA’s vice chair in 2010.

As RWA chair, George will lead regional efforts to improve water supply reliability and enhance water quality. He also pledged to ensure the region is engaged and represented in key policy decisions affecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

“There are important decisions on the horizon that could affect our region’s water supplies as well as our pocketbooks,” George said. “RWA has a critical role to play in providing a unified voice for our region as events unfold at the statewide level.”

In addition to George and Hanneman, the following local water leaders have been elected to the 2011 RWA Executive Committee: Bob Churchill, Citrus Heights Water District; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Ken Payne, City of Folsom; Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; and Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District.

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