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**Valerie Pryor Announces Her Resignation from SCV Water
Accepts New Position as General Manager of Zone 7 Water Agency**

After almost 15 years with the agency, Assistant General Manager Valerie Pryor recently announced her resignation from SCV Water, effective April 20, 2018. Pryor has accepted a position as general manager of Zone 7 Water Agency (Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 7). Zone 7 Water Agency provides flood control and wholesale water supply to the Livermore-Amador Valley, serving the communities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon.

“It’s a sad day for the agency, and for me, but I’m so excited for Valerie and her new opportunity,” said Matt Stone, SCV Water general manager.

Pryor was hired in June 2003 as the administrative services manager for the former Castaic Lake Water Agency. She was promoted to assistant general manager in 2017, and played a key role in the transition to the new SCV Water that took effect on January 1 this year.

The State Water Project contract, strategic planning, finance and human resources are some of the major areas of responsibility that Valerie has with SCV Water. Some of her accomplishments include:

- Modernizing the Agency’s finances, including developing award-winning budgets.
- Serving as a key negotiator on the team that acquired the stock of the Valencia Water Company.
- Serving as the Agency’s lead negotiator for State Water Project contract negotiations.
- Working to upgrade the Agency’s bond rating twice, to rating of AA.

“I’ve enjoyed my time at the Agency and have appreciated working with and learning from the employees and the Board of Directors,” Pryor said. In her announcement to all SCV Water employees, she stated, “I have worked with most of you for several years, whether we were together in CLWA/SCWD or as partners in NCWD and VWC. I’m pleased that we have all joined together in SCV Water. While I am looking forward to my new opportunity, I will definitely miss working with all of you at SCV Water.” Pryor also noted that working with SCV Water’s diverse water supply portfolio, water transfers and groundwater banking programs have helped to prepare her for her new job, as well as working with the local and statewide water community.

“Valerie takes with her a wealth of institutional knowledge, but leaves behind a foundation of sound fiscal policies and management practices,” said Stone. “I know her staff is prepared to carry forward while we go through a recruitment process to replace her.”

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, we certainly appreciate everything Valerie has contributed to this agency,” said Bill Cooper, board president. “Her professionalism and expertise have always reflected well on SCV Water. We wish her all the best.”

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About SCV Water:

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is a full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water provides water service to business and residential customers – half are local groundwater supplies and the other half is imported from the State Water Project and other sources.

SCV Water was formed on January 1, 2018 and combines the former service areas of Castaic Lake Water Agency, Newhall County Water District, Santa Clarita Water Division and Valencia Water Company. Following a multi-year public engagement process, the agency was formed through Senate Bill 634 authored by Senator Scott Wilk and signed by Governor Jerry Brown on October 15, 2017. SCV Water was formed to improve regional water management, enhance water governance and reduce costs for local ratepayers.

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