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East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jacqueline T. Zipkin to the position of General Manager following the retirement of long-tenured General Manager, Michael S. Connor, PhD.

East Bay Dischargers Authority is a public agency that provides wastewater treatment services for approximately 900,000 residents of southern and eastern Alameda County. EBDA's member agencies include Cities of Hayward and San Leandro as well as Oro Loma, Castro Valley, and Union Sanitary Districts. Through a separate agreement, EBDA also provides services to Dublin San Ramon Services District and the Cities of Livermore and Pleasanton.

Ms. Zipkin, a resident of Alameda, comes to EBDA with more than 15 years of experience in water and wastewater engineering and management, environmental policy development, and regulatory compliance, both in the public and private sectors.

Most recently, Ms. Zipkin served as Manager of Environmental Services at East Bay Municipal Utility District, where she managed the District's source control, wet weather, and resource recovery programs. Ms. Zipkin also led the District's negotiation of a long-term wet weather Consent Decree with EBMUD's tributary cities, the Environmental Protection Agency, State and Regional Water Boards, and several non-governmental organizations.

Prior to joining EBMUD, Ms. Zipkin was an environmental consultant with CH2M HILL, serving as Global Technology Leader for Water Portfolio Management, and assisting water and wastewater agencies with a variety of projects including regulatory negotiation and compliance, water recycling, watershed management, and biosolids and odor management. Ms. Zipkin is also active in professional organizations, having served on the Board of Directors of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies and on committees for the Water Environment Federation and Bay Area Clean Water Agencies.

Ms. Zipkin holds a B.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering and an M.S. in Environmental Engineering and Science, both from Stanford University. She is a licensed Professional Civil Engineer in California.

Dr. Connor, a resident of Oakland, has served as the EBDA General Manager since 2008. During his tenure, EBDA maintained an excellent compliance record, thanks to the excellent performance of the four treatment plants operated by the EBDA member agencies and the treated flows arriving from Livermore/Amador Valley. Dr. Connor has been a leader in the industry, driving policy and projects to protection of San Francisco Bay, particularly in the realms of climate resilience and nutrient management. Dr. Connor is active in numerous professional organizations and serves on the Board of Directors of the Water Environment and Reuse Foundation.