

Hannigan Retires; Spear Named Interim Director of California DWR

Thomas Hannigan retired from his position as director of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) on June 2, *The Sacramento Bee* reported the following day. Hannigan held the position for a "taxing" four years, according to the newspaper, and administration officials said that he never intended to stay in the position as long as he did. *The Bee* said that Hannigan's annual salary at the time of his retirement was \$117,386, which included a five percent pay cut that California Governor Gray Davis had asked all employees to take in light of the state's fiscal difficulties.

On June 9, Governor Davis announced the appointment of Michael J. Spear as interim director of the DWR. Spear was appointed deputy secretary for land conservation and stewardship of the DWR in June 2001, and was a member of the Governor's Clean Energy Green Team. Previously he worked at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) for more than 27 years. Spear served as manager of California/Nevada operations for the FWS, where he developed and implemented habitat conservation planning programs in California in areas where rapid urbanization was occurring.

Spear will receive a salary of \$107,291, reported the governor's office. The position does not require Senate confirmation.

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Pettis, Kieley Appointed to California Water Board

California Governor Gray Davis recently announced the appointments of Gregory Pettis and F. Thomas Kieley to the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Pettis, of Cathedral City, has been the community affairs director of Coachella/Yucca Valley Petroleum since 2002 and a

general partner of Eagle Enterprises since 1997. He has been on the city council of Cathedral City since 1994 and currently serves as mayor pro tem.

Kieley, of Palm Springs, has 30 years of experience in the insurance and financial planning industry. He has owned Kieley Insurance and Financial Services since 1992 and has been director of the Desert Water Agency since 1985. Since 1995, he has been the secretary-treasurer of the Agua Caliente Development Authority, a subsidiary of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla.

The mission of the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board is to develop and enforce water quality objectives and implementation plans that will best protect the beneficial uses of California's waters, while recognizing local differences in climate, topography, geology, and hydrology. The Board develops basin plans, issues waste discharge permits, takes action against violators, and monitors water quality for southeastern California, including Imperial County and portions of San Bernardino, Riverside, and San Diego counties. Members do not receive a salary. The appointments require Senate confirmation.

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Gutzman Honored by CSUF

The Association of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers Division of the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) reported in July that California State University at Fullerton (CSUF) and the Orange County (California) Water District recently honored Myron Gutzman by naming a well after him. The Myron Gutzman Multiport Research Well, dedicated June 19 at the CSUF campus, will be used for ongoing education and research into local groundwater and geology and will enable CSUF to conduct a unique hands-on, field-based education program. The research well contains a Westbay multiport sampling system, installed for long-term monitoring of water levels and water chemistry. Beylik Drilling

Inc. of La Habra, California donated their well-drilling services.

Gutzman, retired vice president of environmental services for Beylik Drilling, is a graduate of the California State University system and is known for his contributions in the fields of environmental and water well drilling.

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University of Arizona Regents Professor Soroosh Sorooshian (shown right) has accepted a position as Distinguished Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering with a joint appointment in Earth Systems at the University of California at Irvine. Other researchers relocated to Irvine from the University of Arizona's Department of Hydrology are Drs. Xiaogang Gao, Kuo-lin Hsu, and Bisher Imam.

Sorooshian's position as Director of the Center for Sustainability of semi-Arid Hydrology and Riparian Areas (SAHRA) has been assumed by University of Arizona Hydrology Professor Jim Shuttleworth (shown left). Sorooshian has become Founding Director of SAHRA.

Professors Roger Bales and Martha Conklin also have left the University of Arizona's Department of Hydrology to become founding faculty in the Division of Engineering at the University of California at Merced. Bales, Conklin, and Sorooshian all remain affiliated with SAHRA, and University of California at Merced and University of California at Irvine have become partner institutions.

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