New Members Elected to the National Academy

In February, the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) announced the election of 76 new members and 11 foreign associates. The NAE honors those who have made “important contributions to engineering theory and practice, including significant contributions to the literature of engineering theory and practice,” and those who have demonstrated accomplishment in “the pioneering of new fields of engineering, making major advancements in traditional fields of engineering, or developing/实施ing innovative approaches to engineering education.” Among the new members from the Southwest working in hydrology-related areas are:

• Denny S. Parker, senior vice president, Brown and Caldwell Inc., Walnut Creek, California, recognized for advances in the scientific understanding, engineering development, and process design of chemical, physical, and biological processes for the treatment of wastewater.

• Robert L. Street, the William Alden and Martha Campbell Professor in the School of Engineering, Stanford University, recognized for contributions in groundwater transport, computational and turbulence closure schemes for environmental fluid dynamics, and river restoration.

• George Tchobanoglous, professor emeritus, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of California, Davis, recognized for contributions to engineering education, engineering practice, and public service in the field of environmental engineering.

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New GM for Municipal Water District of Orange County

The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) named Kevin P. Hunt its new general manager, effective April 5. A registered civil engineer with more than 34 years of water resource expertise, including direct experience helping supply water to Orange County, Hunt will be the district’s sixth general manager since its formation 53 years ago. He replaces Stanley E. Sprague, who recently retired after 32 years with the district and 21 years as general manager.

Early in Hunt’s four-decade career in the water industry, he served as the consulting district engineer for MWDOC and on its master planning team. Later, he served as project manager for the development of the Allen-McColloch Pipeline, Orange County’s primary pipeline for imported water. Prior to assuming the general manager position with MWDOC, Hunt was a water resources consultant in the private sector.

MWDOC provides imported water to more than 2 million Orange County residents.