Rabbon to Lead National Flood Management Group

The California Department of Water Resources announced that Peter D. Rabbon, general manager of California’s Reclamation Board, is the new president of the National Association of Flood and Storm water Management Agencies (NAFSMA). He was elected in September at the association’s annual meeting.


Rabbon is a civil engineer registered in California, Nevada, and Oregon. A veteran water resources engineer, he has worked in the private sector, in county government, and for almost 25 years for the state of California, including 10 years in the Department of Water Resources’ Division of Flood Management. He has been the Reclamation Board’s general manager since September 1997.


California Water Pioneer Charles Stuart Dies

California water industry pioneer Charles L. Stuart died in September at age 90, following a year-long battle with cancer.

A native of Bath, Maine, Stuart began his career in New York, where he managed six Long Island Water Systems of the New York Water Service Company. He arrived in Los Angeles in 1951 and climbed the executive ladder at Southern California Water Company, from which he retired in 1984 as executive vice president in charge of mergers and acquisitions. During his tenure, Stuart played a major role in the merger or acquisition of 42 firms at the Los Angeles company. He later served on the board and as board president of the West Basin Municipal Water District.

During his long career, Stuart was a pioneer in the development and delivery of water in Southern California. During his presidency of the West Basin Municipal Water District, he was a key player in several major projects, including the construction of the largest reclamation plant in the nation, and in the area of reverse osmosis.

Stuart was a life member and served as chairman of the California-Nevada section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA). He received several national and regional awards from AWWA.
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