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Casitas Municipal Water District Appoints New GM

Oak View, California – The Casitas Municipal Water District’s Board of Directors unanimously appointed Principal Engineer Steven E. Wickstrum as General Manager at their Wednesday, June 13, 2007 Board meeting.

The Board of Directors selected Wickstrum after conducting a nationwide search. “Steve was the very best that the Board interviewed. There were 53 other applicants and Steve was the best informed, cogent, confident, relaxed, thoughtful, and creative in his responses.” said Board President Russ Baggerly.

Wickstrum replaces John Johnson who served as top executive for the past 18 years prior to his retirement in March of this year. Wickstrum, 52, has worked for Casitas for the past 23 years and has served as Principal Engineer for the past 16 years.

“I’m honored by the board’s confidence in my ability and look forward to addressing the difficult challenges that are facing the District,” said Wickstrum.

Wickstrum said that his initial work will be with budget and water rates for the fiscal year beginning in July 1, 2007 and he will begin to work with the Board of Directors on issues with the Bureau of Reclamation, developing water management strategies with local water agencies, and embarking on a major water conservation effort this year, one of the driest on record.
