

Division 5: Melody Henriques-McDonald Board President



Melody A. Henriques-McDonald has served on the District's Board since November 1991.

Director Henriques-McDonald is a Broker/Associate with Century 21 Lois Lauer Realty. She has held her Brokers License in California since 1990, has a Broker's License in the State of Arizona, and is a member of the East Valley Association of Realtors. Director Henriques-McDonald represents the District as the Director for ACWA/JPIA, has been elected to their Executive Committee, and currently chairs their Liability Program Subcommittee. Melody is a Board member on the Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts Board, a member of the California Women for Agriculture (CWA), a member of ACWA's State Legislative Committee, and a member on the Water Management Committee for ACWA. Melody is a member of the Highland Area Chamber of Commerce, the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce, she and her husband have their Heavy Duty Lift business known as Southwest Lift & Equipment, Inc. Director Henriques-McDonald believes in a strong work ethic, has been self-employed all her life with the exception of her first job, McDonald's at the age of 15 and believes that when you take an oath of office to serve, you do it to the very best of your ability. Director Henriques-McDonald has helped her agency and other water agencies throughout the State of California receive refunds in their insurance premiums of over 35 Million dollars due to training, keeping losses at a minimum, and she is well respected by her colleagues in the water industry.

In the past, Director Henriques-McDonald has been Chair for the Workers Compensation Program Subcommittee, Chair of the Property Program Subcommittee for JPIA, chaired ACWA's Water Management Certification Subcommittee, chaired ACWA's Region 9, and is a past member of the California Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region. She is currently the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee Vice Chair.

Director Henriques-McDonald is a graduate of San Geronio High School in San Bernardino (1976), and Western Real Estate School (1989), Arizona School of Real Estate, and is a graduate of the Special Districts Board Management Institute where she received her Certificate of Completion in 1997.

Melody and her husband Dean have 5 children and now 11 grandchildren. They are members of Immanuel Baptist Church of Highland, Arrowhead Country Club of San Bernardino (Dean's handicap is improving), and various other organizations. Melody has 4 other children she sponsors through World Vision and believes all kids should have access to clean, safe water.