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BEXAR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT HIRES GENERAL MANAGER

Bexar Metropolitan Water District announces the appointment of Victor M. Mercado as the new general manager (GM). Mr. Mercado has a BS in economics from the City University of New York and has over 30 years experience in strategic planning, management and organization of utilities, capital construction, and finances. Mr. Mercado will oversee day-to-day operations at BexarMet.

The appointment of Mr. Mercado demonstrates the Board's commitment to BexarMet and its ratepayers by hiring an individual with vast managerial, technical, and financial expertise. Before joining BexarMet, Mr. Mercado held a number of executive leadership positions within the water industry. Specifically, while at South Martin Regional Utility in Hobe Sound, Florida, he served as President and CEO. Previously, Mr. Mercado was with Detroit Water and Sewerage Department in Detroit, Michigan, where he was Director of Water and Wastewater. Mr. Mercado held other Managerial positions at Thames Water (UK), United Water Resources (NJ), and Jamaica Water Supply Company (NY).

Mr. Mercado understands the physical infrastructure required to obtain, treat and deliver water to customers, and the federal and state regulations that govern water service and delivery.

"Mr. Mercado brings to BexarMet a depth of water management experience, a solid track record in implementing capital improvement plans, and the talent to direct staff," said Guadalupe I. Lopez, President of the Board of Directors. "We are fortunate to have someone with his business acumen as our GM."

Mercado stated, "It's an outstanding opportunity to join BexarMet at this pivotal stage in their existence --I am excited to be a significant player in optimizing BexarMet's role in the region. It is rewarding to be with a company whose new culture promotes the highest quality water, engineering and customer service standards."