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MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA NOMINATES NEW GENERAL MANAGER FOR DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

With the selection of H. David Nahai, Mayor Villaraigosa sets the DWP on the most ambitious path of any utility in the nation to modernize and reduce its contribution to global warming

LOS ANGELES – Setting the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LA DWP) on an ambitious path to modernize and reduce its contribution to global warming, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa today nominated H. David Nahai to be the new general manager of the nation's largest municipal utility.

“David Nahai is uniquely qualified to turn the Department of Water and Power into the cleanest and greenest power company in the nation,” Mayor Villaraigosa said. “David encompasses the best of both worlds with a wealth of private sector and public sector experience and decades of environmental activism. He has the vision of an outsider and the knowledge of an insider.”

Villaraigosa has chosen David Nahai to lead an unprecedented effort to modernize the nation's largest municipal utility and reduce its contribution to global warming.

Nahai will be charged with implementing an ambitious effort that is centered on a renewable energy agenda to increase sustainability, a modernization plan to ensure the reliability of safe water and electricity, and a fiscal accountability program to protect the ratepayers.

With a combination of experience and vision, Nahai has a proven track record of results in both the private and public sectors.

Nahai began his career in the private sector close to three decades ago working at some of the nation's largest and most respected law firms. For twenty of those years, he served as a partner or president, allowing him to hone his legal and financial skills, and earning him a reputation as a tough fiscal manager.

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He has focused his legal practice on the areas of real estate, corporate and environmental law

In September 2005, Nahai was appointed to the LA DWP Board of Commissioners by Mayor Villaraigosa and elected both Vice President and President by his fellow commissioners.

As President, Nahai led the effort to increase the department's use of renewable energy sources. Since 2005, LA DWP has nearly tripled its renewable energy portfolio going from three percent to eight percent and the department is on track to reach its ultimate goals of 20 percent by 2010 and 35 percent by 2020.

Because LA DWP is accountable for 98 percent of the City's municipal contribution to greenhouse gases, the City of Los Angeles has an incredible opportunity to significantly reduce its contribution to global warming by increasing its supply of renewable energy sources.

Nahai also led the Board of Commissioners to audit six departments (including the departments of procurement, custodial, security, and equal employment opportunity) within the agency that resulted in the implementation of new and modern management practices.

An overhaul of the LA DWP's contracting practices is also underway to ensure no contract is rewarded unless it is in the best interest of the ratepayers.

Nahai and the Board of Commissioners have also begun to cut wasteful spending from the department's budget. Hearings were held to cut spending from last year's budget and redirect money this year to fund the top priority of modernization.

Nahai is widely recognized throughout California as a leading expert in water issues. With over ten years on the state's Regional Water Quality Control Board, Nahai has been charged with safeguarding the quality of surface, ground and coastal waters while covering a jurisdiction of 11 million residents in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

At the Water Quality Board, Nahai served under both Democratic and Republican administrations first being appointed by Governor Pete Wilson, then re-appointed by both Governor Gray Davis and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Nahai was elected by his peers to an unprecedented four terms as Chairman of the Board in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2006.

Nahai has been the recipient of numerous awards and commendations. In 2003, he received the Environmental Champion Award from the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters and was twice honored for community leadership.

A complete resume is attached.

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H. David Nahai

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Nahai Law Corporation President A Century City law firm, specializing in real estate, corporate, environmental and commercial law. Nahai is an AV rated attorney and has practiced law in Los Angeles since 1979.	1992 – 2007
Stroock & Stroock & Lavan Partner Real Estate Department	1987 – 1992
Memel, Jacobs & Ellsworth Partner (Since February 1985) Real Estate Department	1981 – 1987
Loeb & Loeb Associate Real Estate Department and Business Development	1979 – 1981

ENVIRONMENTAL CAREER

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board 1997 – present
A senior member and Chair of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Nahai was first appointed to the Board in 1997 by Governor Pete Wilson and reappointed in 2000 by Governor Gray Davis and in 2004 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Nahai has served an unprecedented four terms as Board Chair, elected by his peers in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2006.

The Board is a component of the California Environmental Protection Agency, sets regional water quality standards and enforces both federal and state clean water statutes. The Board's geographic jurisdiction covers all of Los Angeles County and Ventura County and includes more than 11 million residents.

During Nahai's tenure as Chair, the Board was awarded the Environmental Leadership Award by Keep California Beautiful, in recognition of the Board's work to reduce stormwater and urban run-off pollution. In both 2004 and 2005, the Board was given an "A" grade by the UCLA Institute of the Environment, in praise of the Board's leadership in protecting water quality.

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
Vice Chair

Environmental Advisory Committee for Assemblymember Paul Koretz

Environmental Task Force for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

California League of Conservation Voters

Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Chair of the Development Committee

Smith Weiss Environmental Champion Award (2003)

Given by the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters

H. David Nahai Water Quality Awards

The H. David Nahai Water Quality Awards recognize extraordinary efforts to safeguard or restore water quality in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties and were named in honor of Nahai.

LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

Under Nahai's leadership as President and Vice President of the Board of Commissioners, LA DWP has taken bold steps to address challenges in the following areas:

Fiscal Accountability and Reliability

Hired outside auditors to audit six business departments within the DWP and put in place training and management courses for managers.

Offered reliable service that prevented major City blackouts during multiple heat waves.

Commissioned an Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) study to audit the infrastructure and ensure reliability. The study resulted in a series of recommendations which will be incorporated into the Power Reliability Plan.

Management and Employee Relations and Retirements

Overhauled the Department's contracting practices to ensure that no contract is rewarded unless it is in the best interest of the ratepayers.

Faced the challenge of looming retirements head on by forming an Ad Hoc Committee on Employee Retirements.

Created The LA Infrastructure Academy to train a new generation of LA students for meaningful, well-paying public utility careers while supplying the workers we need.

Put streamlined administrative systems in place to deal with promotions, disciplinary actions and other personnel issues.

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Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency

Increased the amount of energy from renewable sources from 3 percent to 8 percent and placed the LA DWP on target to reach its goals of 20 percent by 2010 and 35 percent by 2020.

Signed a wind power contract with PPM Energy that delivers electricity produced by turbines to land leased from Wyoming ranchers to power 39,000 LA homes

Established a plan to distribute 2.8 million compact fluorescent light bulbs to Angelenos – 2 per household – which will have an effect equal to removing more than 150,000 cars from the road for a year.

Developed the Low Income Refrigerator Exchange Program, giving low-income DWP customers the opportunity to replace their old, inefficient refrigerators with new, energy-saving models.

Launched the Refrigerator Turn-In and Recycle (RETIRE) program, which allows customers to turn in their old refrigerators or freezers and receive a \$35 rebate and compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Implemented Home Energy Efficiency Rebates, \$100 combined rebates for customers who purchase new Energy Star refrigerators and recycle their old ones.

Purchased 62,000 megawatt-hours of clean renewable energy through the Green Power Program. This represents enough electricity, on average, to power nearly 10,000 homes for a year, eliminating 80 million pounds of CO₂ emissions – comparable to removing over 7,000 cars from the road for one year.

Met customer demand, through the Green Power Program, for renewable energy through small hydroelectric (70 percent) and wind (30 percent) purchases from the open market.

Developed a citywide green building policy in Los Angeles.

Solar Power

Installed more than 12 megawatts of solar systems on rooftops throughout LA, and set the City on a course to increase the incentive levels to far exceed the goals of the state's Million Solar Rooftop legislation (SB 1), which goes into effect January 1, 2008.

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Water and Energy Conservation

Stabilized water use at 1982 levels. As part of its water conservation efforts, LA DWP has distributed and installed the following to LA's homes:

- 1.3 million ultra-low flush toilets
- 1.85 million low-flow showerheads
- 45,000 high-efficiency clothes washers

Led water conservation efforts that have saved over \$50 million per year and reduced LA's wastewater by 56 million gallons each day.

Developed the DWP's 2007-08 budget which invests an unprecedented \$75 million in both power and water conservation measures.

Collaborated with large businesses and industry to provide financial incentives and technical assistance to encourage water and energy conservation.

Transformed the Department's relationship with the Owens Valley community into a positive, collaborative one.

Intergovernmental Collaboration

Partnered with numerous City departments on programs, including:

- Port electrification
- Through the Trees for a Green LA Program, the DWP delivers free shade trees to residents who request them.
- Recycled water projects for non-potable uses along with increased storm water capture, which provides an innovative way to protect and expand the City's water supply.

Formed a collaborative relationship with the Department of Public Works to effectively deal with wastewater and water supply issues.

Joined with the Mayor's Million Trees Initiative to address the City's low canopy areas and combat global warming.

Increased cooperation with the LA River Revitalization project

Opportunities

Took steps to help foster economic opportunity and job development in green industries.

Introduced the LA Infrastructure Academy, a job training program designed to address two problems: the rising drop-out and declining graduation rates faced by LAUSD, and the staffing shortfalls that jeopardize the ability of the LADWP to maintain and upgrade its aging infrastructure.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Jewish Federation of Los Angeles
Board Member

Iranian American Jewish Federation
Board Member

Jewish Community Foundation
Board Member

Magbit Foundation
Board Member

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Security Pacific Bank
Board of Directors and Executive Committee

EDUCATION

Holds graduate and post-graduate degrees in law from the London School of Economics and the University of California, Berkeley. He has been designated a Visiting Scholar at U.C. Berkeley.

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