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### **Former Metropolitan Water District CEO Ron Gastelum to Lead Cordoba's Water and Energy Services Efforts**

Ronald R. Gastelum will join Cordoba Corporation and oversee the growth of Cordoba's water and energy infrastructure practice, effective February 1, 2009. Cordoba Corporation is a program management, construction management, and civil engineering services firm with over a quarter century of experience in public works infrastructure.

Gastelum previously served as CEO of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, responsible for managing the operations of one of the largest water suppliers in the world. He successfully led MWD's efforts to further diversify the region's water supply sources with the development of new water transfer, groundwater banking, reclaimed water, and conservation programs. During his tenure the agency accomplished a major management restructuring, adopted a new Strategic Plan with unprecedented public participation, completed a \$2 billion new reservoir, adopted a long term capital improvement and finance plan, and completed a major overhaul of its rate structure.



Gastelum will assist Cordoba's clients in meeting the enormous infrastructure challenges before them. "This is perhaps the most dynamic time in the water and energy industries since the New Deal," Gastelum said. "As always, I am personally energized by the challenge, and buoyed by the creative and cost effective water and energy project solutions that I know we can provide at Cordoba."

George L. Pla, President and CEO of Cordoba Corporation was pleased with Gastelum's decision to join Cordoba, saying "Ron's extraordinary executive experience in natural resources combined with Cordoba's track record of project management will undoubtedly mean that we can deliver the highest quality services to our water and energy sector clients."

Cordoba Corporation is a civil engineering, construction management, program management, and planning firm specializing in education, transportation, water and energy. Cordoba is headquartered in Los Angeles, with offices in Oakland, Santa Ana, and San Bernardino, California.