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## **Regional Water Authority Elects Leaders for 2004**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif** – The Regional Water Authority (RWA) has elected an Executive Committee and officers for 2004.

Bob Churchill, general manager of the Citrus Heights Water District, was elected chair of the Authority. Pauline Roccucci, a member of the Placer County Water Agency's Board of Directors, was elected vice chair.

Other Executive Committee members include Mitch Dion, general manager, California-American Water Company; Paul Selsky, board member, Carmichael Water District; Gary Reents, director of utilities, City of Sacramento; Rich Plecker, general manager, Fair Oaks Water District; Robert Cook, Jr., general manager, Fruitridge Vista Water Company; Rob Roscoe, general manager, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Joseph Alessandri, board member, San Juan Water District.

The new leaders, elected by the RWA Board of Directors on January 8, will guide the Authority this year as it implements the American River Basin Regional Conjunctive Use Program, a \$43 million effort to build and upgrade water facilities throughout the region to better manage surface and groundwater resources.

RWA received a \$22 million grant in 2002 from the California Department of Water Resources to implement the project, which includes new pipelines, pumps and other facilities to store, treat and convey water throughout the region.

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Formed in 2001, RWA is a joint powers authority representing 22 water providers in the greater Sacramento area. Its primary mission is to help its members protect and enhance the reliability, affordability and quality of water resources.