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**Sewerage and Water Board Announces the Appointment of New
Interim Executive Director**

Former journalist Richard Rainey appointed as Director of Communications



NEW ORLEANS – The Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans agreed Wednesday, Dec. 20, to appoint Marcie Edwards as its interim executive director.

Edwards has more than 40 years' experience in managing utilities, most recently as general manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power – the largest publicly owned water and power utility in the U.S.

“She has an incredible amount of experience and I think we’re lucky to have her,” Mayor Mitch Landrieu said.

The LADWP employs 9,000 employees, has a \$5 billion annual budget and serves four million customers across a 500-square-mile territory.

Edwards also managed Anaheim Public Utilities for 13 years and served as the Anaheim City Manager in 2013. She is a former governor on the California Independent System Operator Board, and served as interim CEO of that agency during a portion of the energy crisis.

Edwards' appointment is pending a final employment agreement between the S&WB and Edwards. Under the terms approved by the board Wednesday, Edwards will serve from Jan. 8 to May 7, 2018.

A national search for a permanent director will begin in January.

Edwards would take over after the exit of Paul Rainwater, who led the Interim Emergency Management Team as it helped steer and evaluate the S&WB during the aftermath of the Aug. 5 flooding.

Sewerage and Water Board also announced today the appointment of former journalist Richard Rainey as the Director of Communications. Rainey brings to the agency more than 13 years of experience as a tough and trusted journalist. He spent 11 of those years at the Times-Picayune as a reporter focused mainly on politics and public policy. Rainey has been recognized for his accomplishments by The Associated Press Managing Editors Association and the Society of Professional Journalists.

Working closely with the senior staff at the Sewerage & Water Board, Rainey will oversee all communications and public relations and advise on external engagement as the agency begins to hire additional permanent leadership.

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