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## **LESA MCINTOSH ELECTED EBMUD BOARD PRESIDENT**

*First African American Woman to Head the District; Doug Linney to be vice-president,  
Andy Katz sworn in as new member with three reelected directors.*

**OAKLAND** – Lesa McIntosh was unanimously elected president of the East Bay Municipal Utility District Board of Directors. McIntosh, a longtime Richmond activist and former city councilwoman, thus becomes the first African American woman to head the 84-year-old utility district, which has 1.3 million water customers and 640,000 wastewater customers in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

McIntosh, who has a private law practice in Richmond specializing in wills and trusts, was first appointed to the Board in 1999 to fill the seat vacated by former Board member and current Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia. She was reelected in 2000 and 2004. McIntosh also served as vice president of the Board the last two years under President William B. Patterson of Oakland.

She represents Ward 1, which includes Crockett, Hercules, Rodeo and San Pablo as well as portions of Richmond and Pinole. McIntosh has served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Port of Richmond and the Police Commission. EBMUD Board members are elected to four-year terms and officers serve one-year terms.

Doug Linney was elected Tuesday as the Board's vice-president. Linney was first elected to the EBMUD Board in 2000 and was reelected in 2004. He represents Ward 5, which includes the Alameda County cities of Alameda and San Lorenzo, the West Oakland and Oakland Airport Area, and a portion of San Leandro.

Linney is president of the Next Generation, a public relations firm providing services to individuals, organizations and businesses in achieving environmental protection. He is active in a

number of community and environmental organizations including the California League of Conservation Voters and the California Interfaith Power and Light.

Andy Katz became the first newcomer to the Board in six years representing Ward 4, which includes Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, Kensington, Emeryville and the Rockridge neighborhood in Oakland.

Katz is an environmental planner and community liaison for Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson. He is active in environmental and public health organizations, including the Sierra Club and Breathe California. Prior to his election, he served for five years as a member of the City of Berkeley Zoning Adjustment Board. Katz has a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of City Planning degree from U.C. Berkeley and resides in Berkeley.

And three veteran Board members were sworn in for new terms Tuesday, including John A. Coleman, who represents Ward 2, which includes Alamo, Lafayette, and Danville, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon and Walnut Creek. Coleman was reelected unopposed to his fifth term on the Board. Coleman, the Board's longest standing member, was first elected in 1990. Coleman, a resident of Walnut Creek, is Director of Local Government Affairs for KB Homes.

Katy Foulkes, of Ward 3, which includes Piedmont and a portion of Oakland, Orinda, Moraga and El Sobrante, and portions of Pinole and Richmond, also was reelected unopposed. Foulkes, who lives in Piedmont, joined the Board in 1994.

Frank Mellon, of Ward 7, which includes Castro Valley, portions of San Leandro and Hayward, and a portion of San Ramon, also joined the Board in 1994 and was reelected unopposed this past November. Mellon, of Castro Valley, works as an employee and labor relations manager for Kaiser Permanente Hospitals.

“As an African-American woman, I will bring a unique perspective born from my particular background culture and gender,” said McIntosh, “a perspective that will be beneficial to EBMUD and *all* of its ratepayers.”

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