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# IWVWD officially names Morquecho as new GM

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Water District chief engineer Renee Morquecho discusses well consolidation at the IWVGA board meeting on April 10, 2024.

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RIDGECREST, Calif. — The Indian Wells Valley Water District (District) has selected Dr. Renee Morquecho as its next General Manager, recognizing her more than 20 years of dedicated service. Morquecho began her career with the District as an assistant engineer and

steadily advanced through the organization, most recently serving as Chief Engineer. Her appointment also marks a historic milestone, as she becomes the first female General Manager in the District's history.

Following a comprehensive recruitment process that included local outreach and a thorough evaluation of candidates, the District Board of Directors chose Morquecho for the role. She will officially assume her new role on June 1st, 2026.

Morquecho's educational and professional background reflects her longstanding commitment to engineering and public service. She holds master's degrees in Public Health and Civil Engineering, as well as a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering. She is also a licensed Civil Engineer in the State of California.

"Having lived and worked in Ridgecrest for over 20 years, I am deeply committed to this community and to continuing the District's legacy of putting customers first," said Morquecho.

Over the course of her career with the District, Morquecho has managed capital projects, overseen budgets, and presented complex issues to both the public and the Board. Her background includes engineering expertise, leadership experience, and coordination with state and federal agencies. Morquecho is also known for her ability to build strong relationships with staff, consultants, and local stakeholders, positioning her to lead with confidence and transparency.

"We're excited to have Renee step into this role and continue the important work of the District," said Board President Ron Kicinski. "Her experience, leadership, and deep understanding of our community will play a key role as we plan for the future and continue delivering reliable service."

The Board looks forward to Morquecho's leadership as the District continues its mission to serve the community.

**About Indian Wells Valley Water District**

The mission of the IWVWD is to deliver the highest quality water at the best possible price while continuing to serve as respectful stewards of the environment.