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CALIFORNIA COASTKEEPER ALLIANCE APPLAUDS GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S APPOINTMENT TO STATE WATER BOARD

June 16, 2021 (Sacramento, CA) – Today, Governor Newsom appointed Nichole Morgan to the civil engineer seat on the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). Morgan has over 22 years of experience in the water and environmental sector, most recently playing an integral role in the management of the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program to ensure equitable access to safe and affordable water for all Californians.

This is a critical agency appointment at a critical time. California's current drought highlights many of the state's inequitable water policies, and water regulators face tough challenges, including lingering pollution – particularly in disadvantaged communities — and collapsing fish species, all of which are exacerbated by climate change.

“The Governor's appointment will strengthen the State Water Board's efforts to address imbalanced water policies while the state faces a historic drought,” says Sean Bothwell, Executive Director of California Coastkeeper Alliance. “Nichole Morgan has the depth of knowledge and experience needed to improve the management of California's water supplies and help the state achieve its goal of providing clean water for all.”

In addition to Morgan's commitment to reversing inequitable water policies, her knowledge and experience in stormwater, groundwater, and wastewater systems – including the funding and environmental challenges posed within each of these systems – makes her well positioned to move California forward in addressing its most challenging water issues.

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