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## **CalDomestic Celebrates President Lynda Noriega Honored as 2018 Woman of Achievement by State Senator Ed Hernandez**

Whittier, California — The California Domestic Water Company (CalDomestic) is celebrating the naming of the company's President, Lynda Noriega, as a "Woman of Achievement" by State Senator Ed Hernandez in the 22<sup>nd</sup> State Senate District, for her contributions to environmental protection and environmental justice. Ms. Noriega is one of twenty-two women being honored by Senator Hernandez "for playing a significant role in shaping the economic, cultural, and social fabric of our society." The announcement was formalized yesterday, March 27, 2018, by Senator Hernandez during an event at the Covina Center for Performing Arts in Covina, California.

"Senator Hernandez picked a deserving leader in choosing to honor Lynda as a "Woman of Achievement" because she brings integrity and excellence to CalDomestic that provides water to the cities of Brea, La Habra and through Suburban Water Systems," said Richard D. Jones, Chairman of the CalDomestic Board of Directors. "We are very proud of Lynda for this commendation because our Board of Directors and staff see the high caliber of leader she is every day in her performance at CalDomestic, and as a leader in the community," Jones said.

Irma Muñoz, President and CEO of Mujeres de La Tierra, an environmental justice group serving the greater Los Angeles area, added that: "Lynda puts significant time and effort in empowering youth and other women as a member of the board of directors of Mujeres de La Tierra. In 2017 Lynda played a major role in mentoring a group of six La Habra young women in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, as they wrote, and successfully lobbied the legislature and Governor Brown to enact legislation that is bringing water conservation resources to the state's schools," she said. "Lynda deserves the distinction as a *Woman of Achievement* because she enables the achievements of others in a selfless way," Muñoz said.

Lynda Noriega became CalDomestic's President on January 1, 2018, heading the largest wholesale mutual water company in California. "I am honored by this recognition from Senator Hernandez and thankful for all the resources and support the CalDomestic family provides me to advance community programs that help the environment and disadvantaged youth," said Noriega.

Ms. Noriega began her career in water in 2001 with Valley County Water District, a retail water district based in Baldwin Park, CA. She served as Operations Assistant, Water Quality Specialist, Finance & Administrative Manager and Interim General Manager prior to her appointment as General Manager in 2011. In 2016, Ms. Noriega was hired as the Vice President and General Manager of CalDomestic.

Ms. Noriega holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from California State University at Fullerton. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the San Gabriel Valley Water Association. Ms. Noriega is married to George Noriega and they have two children, Damien and Audrey.

CalDomestic, based in Whittier, CA, is a mutual water company that provides potable water for about 222,000 people in Whittier, through the Suburban Water Systems and the cities of La Habra and Brea who are major shareholders of the company.

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