

**MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
DIRECTOR, DIVISION 6**

NAME: ERGUN "ERIC" BAKALL

OCCUPATION: Director, Municipal Water District of Orange
County-Division 6

For the past eight years I have had the privilege of serving you as incumbent Director of Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC). I am a Civil Engineer in private practice with a Masters Degree and 38 years of experience in water resources. I held positions of Chief Engineer, San Diego Water Authority and Principal Engineer, Irvine Ranch Water District.

Southern California is a semi-arid region, dependent upon water supplies from Colorado River and San Francisco-Sacramento Delta imported by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), serving 18 million people. MWDOC is a member agency of Metropolitan and buys imported water from Metropolitan.

In July 2002, I was appointed to represent MWDOC and Orange County as Director at Metropolitan Board. Since then we completed Diamond Valley Reservoir, implemented major groundwater storage projects, and signed agreements to transfer Colorado and Sacramento River waters from agricultural users. However, we face serious challenges in water supply conditions from the Delta. We also need to do more recycling and desalination.

As MWDOC and Metropolitan Director, I have the requisite knowledge and experience to meet these challenges in the most economical and environmentally conscious way.

I respectfully ask for your continuing support in securing our water future.