Sewerage and Water Board Announces the Appointment of New Interim Executive Director

Former journalist Richard Rainey appointed as Director of Communications

The Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans on Wednesday, Dec. 20th appointed Marcie Edwards as its interim executive director.

Edwards has more than 40 years’ experience in managing utilities, most recently as general manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power – the largest publicly owned water and power utility in the U.S.

“She has an incredible amount of experience and I think we’re lucky to have her,” Mayor Mitch Landrieu said.

Edwards managed Anaheim Public Utilities for 13 years and served as the Anaheim City Manager in 2013. She is a former governor on the California Independent System Operator Board, and served as interim CEO of that agency during a portion of the energy crisis.

A national search for a permanent director will begin in January. Edwards would take over after the exit of Paul Rainwater, who led the Interim Emergency Management Team as it helped steer and evaluate the S&WB during the aftermath of the Aug. 5 flooding.

Sewerage and Water Board also announced today the appointment of former journalist Richard Rainey as the Director of Communications. Rainey brings to the agency more than 13 years of experience as a tough and trusted journalist. He spent 11 of those years at the Times-Picayune as a reporter focused mainly on politics and public policy. Rainey has been recognized for his accomplishments by The Associated Press Managing Editors Association and the Society of Professional Journalists.

Working closely with the senior staff at the Sewerage & Water Board, Rainey will oversee all communications and public relations and advise on external engagement as the agency begins to hire additional permanent leadership.
Pretty/Ugly Sweater Day Highlights Employee Creativity

When the announcement was made that there would be a “no judgment day” when employees could wear their pretty or ugly sweaters, several employees from different departments wanted to go beyond wearing gifted sweaters to creating something from their own imaginations.

One of those departments was Risk Management. Nine of the staff members created an ugly sweater competition in which employees from other departments could cast votes for the dubious honor of wearing the ugliest sweater. The winner of the Risk Management Ugly Sweater Competition was Tiandria Lewis.

Living Green, Thinking Green

Herbal Essence....

You don’t have to go without fresh greens this winter. Find your sunniest window and plant an indoor window box filled with herbs. Snip off a bunch for a taste of summer in your winter dishes. Keep herbs in their original pots to easily change them through the season.

SAFETY FIRST

At this time of the year, the saying “less is more” surely does not hold true. Well, maybe partly true, since wearing fewer clothes means getting exposed to more cold-related threats. Remember that it’s better to go for several thin layers of clothing instead of wearing just a couple of thick layers. For clothes next to the skin, choose those with synthetic fabrics to avoid absorption of sweat. An ideal choice is polypropylene. For your outer layer, choose fabrics made of waterproof and wind-resistant material.
Ms. Lewis created a bolero vest of red and silver colored tinsel attached to an animal print cardigan that she wore to accent a Christmas print top. The top was further embellished on the back with a Christmas tree fashioned from a string of garland. Then, it was accented with red bows. It was a sight to behold.

Not to be outdone, two groups from the Customer Service Main Office Lobby and Telephone Center were decked in an array of pretty/ugly sweaters. All of this creativity proves that beauty is, indeed, in the eyes of the beholder.

Carrollton Water Plant

Santa and his helpers, work right here!
Ashley Ford, Filter Gallery – Carrollton Water Plant

Civil Engineering Department
What is an Asset-Liability Study?

Fact: An Asset-Liability Study is a tool for understanding the dynamic relationship between pension plan assets and liabilities over time. It is the only standard analysis that fully links all three aspects of a pension plan’s key financial drivers: benefits policy, contribution policy, and investment policy. The study identifies future trends in the financial health of a pension plan based upon economic uncertainties that may not be evident from an actuarial valuation, which provides only a snapshot at a point in time.

Dr. Timothy W. Viezer, Chief Investment Officer (CIO) of the Pension Plan recommended conducting an Asset-Liability Study to senior management and the Pension Committee in the face of: (1) a potentially large change in the demographics of the S&WB active/retired participants, (2) the need to review the asset allocation, and (3) the desire to move the management of the pension in line with best practices. It is a standard industry practice for a pension plan sponsor to conduct an asset-Liability Study every 3-5 years, or before or after a significant change in demographics, plan design, sponsor circumstances, or funded status. An Asset-Liability Study was conducted for our pension plan 13 years ago.

After the Request for Proposal (RFP) was advertised nationally and four large, well-known, qualified investment consulting firms responded, the Pension Committee, at their December Meeting, approved the recommendation to hire Callan Associates to perform an Asset-Liability Study.

Your Employee Trustees on the Pension Committee wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2018!
APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

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Reginald Bell  
Ashton C. Bolton  
Cameron D. Bonnett  
Gilbert J. Caine  
Kendall C. Gill  
Carson A. Corecki  
Zachary J. Hudson  
Freddie Jackson  
Randi E. Pena  

Jordan V. Price  
Jamie D. Rowe

Bruce H. Adams  
Paula J. Arceneaux  
Michael T. Buckel  
Sybil M. Buxton  
Shack Calderon  
David B. Cappel  
Veronica T. Carter  
Rodney Crayton  
William Easterling  
Reginald Gillum  
Shannon Harris  
Ebony L. Hood  
Tegan K. Johnson  
Alexandra M. Jones  
Randi Jones  
Eugene J. Lawrence  
Demarcus F. Moss  
Rose B. Payne  
Rachelle Quincy  
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Networks Maint. Technician 1  
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Senior City Planner  
Laborer  
Water Service Inspector 1  
Senior City Planner  
Utility Services Manager  
Networks Maint. Technician 1  
SWB Document Support Spec. 1  

Laborer  
Engineer Intern 2

PROMOTIONS

Deputy General Superintendent  
Admin. Support Supervisor 3  
Engineer Intern 1  
Office Assistant Trainee  
Networks Maint. Technician 1  
Engineer Intern 2  
Mgmt. Development Specialist 1  
Laborer  
Pumping Plant Operator  
Equipment Operator 2  
Office Assistant 4  
Office Assistant 1  
Office Assistant 4  
Mgmt. Development Analyst 1  
Laborer  
Networks Maint. Technician 1  
Senior Office Support Specialist  
Office Support Specialist  
Water Purification Operator 3  
Office Assistant Trainee  
Laborer  
Office Assistant 2  
Networks Maint. Technician 1  
Office Assistant 1  
Water Purification Operator 2  
Office Assistant 4

General Superintendent SWB  
Admin. Support Supervisor 4  
Engineer Intern 2  
Office Assistant 2  
Networks Maintenance Technician 2  
Engineer  
Mgmt. Development Specialist 2  
Painting-Facilities Maintenance  
Power Dispatcher 1  
Equipment Operator 4  
Office Support Specialist  
Mgmt. Development Analyst 1  
Office Support Specialist  
Mgmt. Development Analyst 2  
Construction Project Manager  
Public Works Maint. Worker  
Networks Maint. Technician 2  
Principal Office Support Specialist  
Senior Office Support Specialist  
Water Purification Operator 4  
Office Assistant 1  
Networks Maint. Technician 1  
Office Assistant 3  
Networks Maintenance Technician 2  
Office Assistant 2  
Water Purification Operator 3  
Office Support Specialist

RETIREMENTS

Dwight A. Forest  
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Walter V. Reis Jr.  
Derri Y. Scott  
Michael Simmons  
Tracy Y. Taylor  
Lowell Thomas, Jr.  
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Water Purification Operator 2  
Deputy Special Counsel