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Jean-Pierre Wolff Named Central Coast Water Board Chair

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Jean-Pierre Wolff, Ph. D. of San Luis Obispo was elected chair of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board at the board's January meeting.

Wolff is the owner and vintner of Wolff Vineyards, and has consulted and held executive positions with energy industry firms. He replaces Jeffrey Young, who held the chair position for nine years. Young will continue to serve on the Central Coast Water Board. Dr. Monica S. Hunter of Los Osos will serve as vice chair for the coming year.

"Being the Chair during an unprecedented California drought will bring significant challenges in terms of water quality and quantity while balancing the needs for all water users and the environment," Wolff said. "Groundwater nitrate contamination and safe drinking water will remain a long-term challenge requiring a close collaboration between stakeholders and regulators," he added. "Continued joint efforts with the agricultural community will remain a high priority. I look forward to assisting the needs of the Regional Board and our Central Coast community."

Wolff's background includes work as an independent technical consultant for private industry; serving as senior vice president for Global Energy Services, a division of Emerson Electric; and as vice president and corporate officer for Electro-Test.

Jean-Pierre Wolff, Ph.D., of San Luis Obispo has been the owner and vintner of Wolff Vineyards since 1999.

Wolff serves on several agriculture, educational and environmental boards, including the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District; the Agriculture Liaison Advisory Board; Cal Poly Center for Sustainability; Cal Poly College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science Dean's Executive Advisory Board, San Luis Obispo Wine Country Association and Central Coast Salmon Enhancement committees.

Hunter is the central coast Regional Coordinator for the Planning and Conservation League Foundation. She is a former executive board member of the Morro Bay National Estuary Program and is Vice President of Friends of the Estuary at Morro Bay.

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