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ZONE 7 HIRES BONITA BREWER AS COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Former Contra Costa Newspapers reporter has deep understanding of water resources and Valley communities

Livermore – Zone 7 Water Agency has hired veteran Valley Times reporter Bonita Brewer as a communications specialist for the Agency. Brewer has more than 18 years of experience covering water, flood protection, business, and development issues in the Livermore-Amador Valley and the East Bay region at large for the Contra Costa Newspapers.

“We are very excited to bring Boni on board as part of our communications team,” said Karla Nemeth, Zone 7’s Environmental and Public Affairs Manager. “Boni’s keen understanding of water resource and local issues will be a great asset to Zone 7 as we expand our ability to provide accurate and timely information to the public about water supply, water quality, and flood protection issues.”

Brewer will assist the agency with a wide range of public outreach and community relations activities, including writing and distributing information about Zone 7 and its operations; working with neighborhood communities, businesses, and civic leaders; and developing media relations programs for Zone 7.

Brewer has covered Alameda County government, Valley land-use policies and their relationships with both Zone 7 and the cities of Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore. She was also the transportation, growth, and water reporter for the Valley and covered the City of Livermore, Zone 7, the Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Association, and other regional agencies. Brewer graduated cum laude from San Jose State University with a bachelor of arts in journalism and a minor in political science. She also has an associate of arts degree in language arts, with a concentration in journalism.

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Zone 7 Water Agency is one of the 10 active zones of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The District was established by the State Legislature in October 1949 to solve problems of flooding, drainage, channel erosion and water supply and conservation in Alameda County. A seven-member board of directors governs Zone 7. Along with flood control, Zone 7 supplies water to all of eastern Alameda County and a population of more than 183,000. Treated water is sold wholesale to local retailers, including the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, the Dublin San Ramon Services District, and the California Water Service Company. Zone 7 also distributes untreated water to local agriculture operations and golf courses.

