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Yorba Linda Mayor Gene Hernandez Named OCFA Board Chair

Buena Park Councilmember Elizabeth Swift Selected Board Vice Chair

Irvine – The Orange County Fire Authority’s (OCFA) Board of Directors voted unanimously last night to appoint Yorba Linda Mayor Gene Hernandez as its Board chairman for 2015-2016. The Board also unanimously chose Buena Park Councilmember Elizabeth “Beth” Swift, Ed.D, as its vice chair.

“I’d like to thank my colleagues for their support, and I look forward to another extremely productive year for the OCFA,” Hernandez said. “Most importantly, I want to thank outgoing Board Chair and Tustin Councilmember Al Murray for his guidance, support, and friendship this past year. I will continue to build upon the success that he has achieved.”

Mayor Hernandez, the immediate past OCFA vice chair, has served on the OCFA Board since Dec. 18, 2012. He serves on OCFA’s executive committee, the budget and finance committee, and the human resources committee. He has served on the Yorba Linda City Council since 2012. Hernandez has 35 years of police service with the cities of Fullerton, Orange, and Chino, where he was the chief of police. Hernandez served on the California State Athletic Commission, including time as vice chairman, from 2009-2011.

Dr. Swift has served on the OCFA Board since Jan. 11, 2011. She serves on OCFA’s executive committee, and as vice chair for the budget and finance committee. Dr. Swift has been a Buena Park City Councilmember since 2010. For 21 years, she served as a teacher and administrator with Buena Park High School, La Habra High School, and Magnolia High School. Dr. Swift was a member of the Buena Park Elementary School Board for 31 years.

“I’m honored to have this opportunity, and I’d like to express my sincere gratitude to the Board,” Swift said. “Throughout all my years of service, I’ve always worked hard to prepare for the people I represent and I will continue that practice as Board vice chair. I am proud of the OCFA and the great work they do in our communities.”

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The Orange County Fire Authority, through its 24 member agencies, serves more than 1.8 million residents and the unincorporated areas of the county. For more information visit www.OCFA.org