



MELANIE CALLAHAN NAMED TWDB EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

AUSTIN – (December 15, 2011) – At today's meeting of the Texas Water Development Board, the Board named Melanie Callahan as the Executive Administrator. Callahan has been serving as interim Executive Administrator since March 2011.

Callahan is a Certified Public Accountant with more than 28 years experience in public sector financial management, including accounting, budget and finance. Callahan joined the TWDB in September 2001. She began her tenure at the agency as the Director of the Fiscal Services Division and the Chief Accounting Officer, and was named Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in August 2007. In her role as the CFO, Callahan monitored a \$3.5 billion debt portfolio, a \$5.1 billion loan portfolio, and a \$1.2 billion investment portfolio and formulated and managed a \$70 million annual operating budget.

"The Texas Water Development Board was presented with a number of challenges last year: budget reductions, the drought, and a constitutional amendment. As the interim EA, Melanie was steadfast in her leadership and did an excellent job managing the agency through these difficult challenges, making the Board's decision today an easy one. She is the right person for this job, and I look forward to continuing to work with her as the new Executive Administrator," Board chairman Edward G. Vaughan said.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.