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**MARY NICHOLS ANNOUNCED AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR
LACCD's FIRST SOLAR ENERGY CONFERENCE**

*Nichols is President of the LADWP Board that Provides Water and Electricity to
More Than 3.9 Million People in Los Angeles*

Oct. 18, 2005 (LOS ANGELES) – Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) announced today that Mary Nichols will be the keynote speaker for the district's first Solar Energy Conference at Los Angeles Harbor College on Oct. 21. Nichols was recently elected president of the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners by the board on Sept. 23. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is the nation's largest municipal utility, serving the water and electricity needs for the City of Los Angeles.

Nichols currently serves as the director of the UCLA Institute of the Environment, and is a professor in residence at the UCLA School of Law. She also served as the assistant administrator for Air and Radiation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the Clinton Administration. Nichols will speak to conference attendees during the lunch session of the conference, from noon to 1 p.m.

"Solar energy is no longer exotic – it's a part of the mix of strategies that all utilities need to be looking at to meet their renewable energy requirements," said Nichols.

LACCD's Solar Energy Conference is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Los Angeles Harbor College's Seahawk Student Center. Speakers will address a variety of topics relating to solar energy issues – specifically highlighting: public policy and program, industry and business, labor and workforce, and curriculum to train students. Presentations will be lead by industry leaders and professionals, and representatives from environmental and labor groups.

The Los Angeles Community College District is undertaking the largest sustainable building program in the United States. Funded by Propositions A and AA, which provide \$2.2 billion in voter-approved funds, the District has shown strong leadership in its adoption of sustainable energy principles. LACCD has set the goal to self produce 25 percent of its energy needs with 10 percent utilizing photovoltaic cells. For more information, visit the website at www.propositiona.org.

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