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State Treasurer Lockyer Names Michael Paparian Executive Director of California Pollution Control Financing Authority *Environmental Policy Veteran Brings Nearly 30 Years of Experience to Job*

SACRAMENTO – State Treasurer Bill Lockyer today announced his appointment of Michael Paparian as Executive Director of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority (CPCFA).

“Mike Paparian brings nearly three decades of dedication and advocacy on behalf of California’s environment to the Authority,” said Lockyer. “His work with the California EPA, Integrated Waste Management Board and Sierra Club has proven him a skilled manager who will continue and expand the Authority’s outstanding work. California’s environment and the Authority are in good hands with Mike. I am excited to have him as part of my team.”

“I am honored by Treasurer Lockyer’s display of confidence in appointing me Executive Director of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority,” said Paparian. “CPCFA has a distinguished history of providing the financial avenues for environmentally responsible programs that help keep California healthy while also promoting economic growth. I will carry on this tradition by encouraging projects that benefit the environment, provide jobs and improve our quality of life. I look forward to joining Treasurer Lockyer as he continues his work to protect our environment and provide a better future for all Californians.”

Paparian will leave his current job as Special Consultant to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to assume the CPCFA position, effective January 23. Prior to joining the DTSC, Paparian served as Special Consultant to the California Environmental Protection Agency, member of the California Integrated Waste Management Board and Senior Regional Representative for the Sierra Club. His expertise and leadership has made him a leading voice on electronic waste, product stewardship, hazardous materials management, green building and energy policy.

The CPCFA provides financing for pollution control facilities to help meet environmental standards. The CPCFA’s programs include the California Capital Access Program, which helps small-business borrowers obtain loans, and the new CalCAP Business STAR Program, which provides consulting services to growing small businesses.

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The CPCFA's Sustainable Communities Grant and Loan Program assists communities implementing "smart growth strategies," and the Cal ReUSE program offers low-interest, forgivable loans to assist public and private partners in redeveloping contaminated "brownfields." Another important program managed by the CPCFA is the Tax-Exempt Bond Financing Program, which helps California businesses acquire, construct or install qualified pollution control, waste disposal, waste recovery facilities, or new equipment.

Paparian, 51, was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley. He received bachelor's degrees in Biology and Psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz and a master's degree in Environmental Planning from California State University, Sacramento. He lives in Sacramento with his wife, Kate Sproul, and their two children, Matthew and Christopher.

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