

Shintaku has served as SCWD Interim General Manager since February 2018. He is a registered civil engineer with over 25 years of experience with water and wastewater systems.

Rick joined SCWD in 2015 as Chief Engineer. Under his leadership, SCWD developed and led planning and implementation of capital improvement programs, water resources, water development, and construction inspection activities, including the \$100 million Tunnel Stabilization Revitalization Project. The project is the largest ever capital improvement program that the District has embarked upon. The District recently completed phase one of the five-year project \$2.8 million under budget and two months early. He continues to lead the planning of the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project, which would provide locally controlled, drought-proof, safe and reliable, high-quality drinking water for the community and, potentially, the South Orange County region.

Before joining SCWD, Shintaku served as an Engineering Manager for the City of Anaheim where, he oversaw the water development, system planning, resources, and conservation sections. Rick also served as an engineer at the California State Water Resources Control Board and spent his early career in environmental consulting.

Mr. Shintaku holds a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering, Environmental Option, from California State Polytechnic University Pomona and a Master's of Science in Civil Engineering-Water Resources from the University of California at Irvine.