

Mauricio Guardado, Jr.

Mr. Guardado has nearly 30 years of experience in the water industry and is recognized by his peers as a leader in developing successful strategy, initiating change, encouraging creative problem solving and leading by example.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

August 2015 – present

United Water Conservation District - General Manager

As General Manager of United Water Conservation District (“District”), Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., leads the District’s efforts in protecting, conserving, managing and enhancing the water resources of the Santa Clara River watershed and Oxnard Plain. As the region continues to experience extreme drought conditions, Mr. Guardado provides the innovative leadership to spur collaboration with constituents in the agricultural industry and municipalities as well as with neighboring water agencies and private industry in seeking efficient, effective and long-term solutions to ensure the development and execution of reliable “new” water resources that will assist the region in achieving groundwater sustainability while offsetting seawater intrusion.

August 2006 through July 2015

Santa Clarita Water Division of Castaic Lake Water Agency – Retail Manager/CEO

Having served for nine years as Retail Manager/CEO for Santa Clarita Water, Mr. Guardado was responsible for oversight and management of the day-to-day operations of delivering imported and local groundwater supplies to a population of approximately 120,000 residents of Santa Clarita, CA. He managed an executive-level staff in the administration and operational functions of the engineering, operations, finance and customer service departments for the division, which included 60 employees, approximately 30,000 service connections and an annual operating budget of \$22 million.

1999 through 2006

Cucamonga Valley Water District – District Engineer

Mr. Guardado served as the District Engineer for the Cucamonga Valley Water District for seven years. In this position, he planned, directed and managed all engineering and administrative functions related to water, wastewater and recycled water design, construction and inspection throughout a fifty-square mile service area

1995 through 1999

San Gabriel Valley Water Company – Project Engineer

Mr. Guardado served as an engineer for the San Gabriel Valley Water Company, an investor-owned public utility, for four years.

EDUCATION:

California State University, Northridge

Bachelor of Science degree – Civil Engineering

University of Southern California

Executive Master of Leadership, Sol Price School of Public Policy

HONORS and AWARDS:

October 2020 Leadership Award

Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWA VC)

May 2014 Phi Alpha Alpha (Honor Society - Public Policy USC Chapter)

University of Southern California