

BRB BIOGRAPHY

Brett R. Barbre is the principal of Barbre & Associates, a public affairs company specializing in lobbying, water resource strategies, and media relations. He has represented clients at the local, state, and federal levels and has successfully worked on and directed campaigns from the local water board to United States Senate races and everything in between. He successfully lobbied for and obtained multi-million-dollar contracts for numerous clients.

Barbre was elected to the Board of Directors of the Yorba Linda Water District in the November 2022 election, ousting an incumbent Director.

Barbre was previously elected to the Board of Directors of the Yorba Linda Water District and served from 1998 to 2000. In November 2000, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC), with nearly 70% of the votes cast. He was re-elected in November 2002 by a similar margin and was unanimously re-elected in 2006 and 2010 when nobody chose to run against him. In his final election to MWDOC in 2018, Barbre was re-elected with over 70% of the vote.

In 2009, Barbre was appointed to the 38-member Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), which imports water from northern California via the State Water Project and from the Colorado River via the MWD owned/operated Colorado River Aqueduct. MWD delivers water to approximately 20 million residents and serves the largest population of any water district worldwide. He served on the Finance & Insurance Committee, Engineering & Operations Committee, Communications & Legislation Committee, and Audit & Ethics Committee.

He has championed pension reform and led efforts at both MWD and MWDOC to establish an irrevocable Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) trust fund to pay down benefits awarded in past years but not funded. This means that future ratepayers will not have to pay for benefits awarded but not funded years earlier. He also championed efforts for absolute transparency by providing web access to all compensation and expense records for directors.

For over 30 years in Orange County public affairs, Barbre has been extensively quoted in most major newspapers in California, including the Los Angeles Times and the Orange County Register. He has appeared in such prominent national publications as the Washington Post, the New York Times, The Epoch Times, Bloomberg, the Wall Street Journal, The Bond Buyer, and the Dow Jones News Wire. He also regularly comments on water issues on various local and national public policy radio and television programs.

Barbre has served as a professional staff member of a water district, including serving as both the Assistant General Manager and General Manager. In addition, he worked in the office of the Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector for seven years, including time as the Chief Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector and as Deputy Treasurer-Tax Collector and Public Information Officer for former Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector John M. W. Moorlach. He also spent seven years on the staff of Congressman Bill Dannemeyer, the ranking member of the subcommittee on Health & the Environment, where Barbre developed his expertise on water-related issues.

A diehard fan of the Boston Red Sox, Barbre can often be found traveling around "Red Sox Nation" to watch them play. He graduated from George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon. As a native of North Orange County, he attended and graduated from Glenknoll Elementary School, Bernardo Yorba Junior High School, and Esperanza High School. He has been a resident of Yorba Linda since 1969, where he currently resides with his wife, Jean. They have two grown daughters, Kimberly and Kathryn, two grandsons, and one granddaughter, who are already die-hard Red Sox fans!