

ELDON HEASTON

Executive Director

Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District and
Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District
Victorville and Lancaster, California (Respectively)

Eldon Heaston was appointed Executive Director of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District in March 2006. During his twenty-three years with the District, Heaston has worked to build and uphold its reputation as one of the most progressive and accessible air districts in the state.

Prior to his appointment as Executive Director, Heaston served as the Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer for eleven years. In that capacity he managed the day-to-day operations of both air districts, including compliance, regulatory development, engineering, air monitoring and the small business assistance program. Prior to that, he was the Environmental Services Manager, whereby he was responsible for the development and implementation of the District's AB2588 Toxic "Hot Spots" Program, rule development, health risk assessment/modeling, and Federal and State Implementation Plan (SIP) development.

Before joining the District, Heaston spent over eleven years in the aerospace and petrochemical industry where he held various positions in operations, industrial hygiene and environmental management.

Heaston recently served six years as a Governor's appointee to the state's Inspection and Maintenance Review Committee, which evaluated the effectiveness of California's Smog Check Program and recommended program improvements.

Heaston is a founding member of the Mojave Desert Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association, and a Past Chair of the West Coast Section of A&WMA. Heaston has also served as an adjunct faculty member for California State University, San Bernardino. Mr. Heaston holds a B.S. Health Science.