



Maureen A. Stapleton

Biographical Information

Maureen A. Stapleton is General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority, the public agency responsible for providing a safe and reliable supply of imported water to more than 2.8 million people living in the San Diego region.

Stapleton is the Authority's ninth general manager since it began operations in 1945. She assumed her duties in January 1996.

During her tenure, the Authority has acted to diversify San Diego County's water supply by seeking and securing new water sources. In 1998, the Authority signed a historic water conservation and transfer agreement with the Imperial Irrigation District that eventually will provide approximately one-quarter of the county's water supply.

In addition, the Authority is investing more than \$1.5 billion in a long-term plan to expand and enhance the regional water delivery and storage system. Included in this plan are construction of a new dam and reservoir, and the raising of an existing dam with the San Diego region.

The Authority is also working with its 23 member agencies to expand the region's dependable supply of local water resources through conservation, recycling and groundwater development projects, some of which have received state and national recognition.

Before joining the Authority, Stapleton worked for the City of San Diego for nine years and served as assistant city manager from 1991 to 1996. Prior to that, she was assistant city manager for the City of Claremont.

Stapleton earned her bachelor's degree with honors from California Polytechnic University in Pomona and her master's degree in public administration from California State University Consortium at Long Beach. She lives in San Diego with her husband, Frank.

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