



Maureen A. Stapleton

Biographical Information

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

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

During her tenure, Maureen has played a leadership role in securing reliable water supplies, improving the regional water delivery and storage system, increasing local water supplies, and implementing a more stable mix of funding sources.

The Authority has acted to diversify San Diego County's water supply by securing new water sources. In April 1998, the Authority signed an historic water conservation and transfer agreement with the Imperial Irrigation District that eventually will provide approximately one-quarter of the county's water supply. And in November 1998, the Authority signed an Exchange Agreement with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California that will satisfy the transportation arrangements for the water transfer agreement.

In addition to the effort to secure a diversified water supply, the Authority is investing more than \$1.5 billion in a long-term capital improvement 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 within the San Diego region. These investments will not only improve the reliability of the system, but will add almost 100,000 acre feet of additional storage within San Diego County.

The Authority also is 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. It is anticipated that these efforts will increase local supplies from approximately 50,000 to over 100,000 acre feet by the year 2015.

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.