



Maureen A. Stapleton

General Manager

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Maureen A. Stapleton is the General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority, the regional water agency that provides up to 90 percent of all the water used in San Diego County supporting a \$222 billion economy and the quality of life for over 3.3 million residents. Stapleton assumed her duties in January 1996. As General Manager, Stapleton oversees a dynamic agency that is aggressively pursuing a comprehensive array of water supply and infrastructure programs designed to diversify and improve the reliability of San Diego County's water supply.

Maureen successfully negotiated the landmark 2003 Colorado River Quantification Settlement Agreement which included the Imperial Irrigation District Water Transfer and the lining of the All American and Coachella canals that together will provide up to 21.4 million acre-feet of water to San Diego County over 110 years. She is also responsible for the implementation of a \$2.8 billion Capital Improvement Program, including the Emergency Storage Project, a system of new and expanded reservoirs, interconnected pipelines and pumping stations designed to make water available to the San Diego region during an emergency. In addition, the Water Authority is aggressively implementing the addition of desalinated seawater to the region's water supply, strongly promoting water conservation through incentives, assistance programs and outreach, and supporting recycling and reuse projects by its member agencies to further diversify the region's water supply sources.