BIOGRAPHY

The San Diego County Water Authority sustains a $222 billion regional economy and the quality of life for 3.3 million residents through a multi-decade water supply diversification plan, major infrastructure investments and forward-thinking policies that promote fiscal and environmental responsibility. A public agency created in 1944, the Water Authority delivers wholesale water supplies to 24 retail water providers, including cities, special districts and a military base.

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Mark Muir

Chair, Board of Directors

Water Authority Board Chair Mark Muir rejoined the Water Authority Board in January 2013, representing San Dieguito Water District.

He previously served as vice chair and currently sits on the Legislation and Public Outreach Committee, the Water Planning Committee and is the Water Authority's San Diego Association of Governments representative. He previously served on the Board from 2003 to 2011, representing Olivenhain Municipal Water District.

Muir is a San Diego native with more than three decades in public service. He served as a firefighter for more than 34 years, and as chief of the Encinitas, Solana Beach, and Del Mar fire departments from 2006 to 2011. He was elected to the Encinitas City Council and is seated on the boards of the Encina Wastewater Authority, the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority, County Service Area (CSA)-17, North County Dispatch Joint Powers Authority, the Regional Solid Waste Association, Santa Fe Irrigation District/San Dieguito Water District Badger Water Facilities Finance Authority, and the Santa Fe Irrigation District/San Dieguito Water District Joint Facilities Advisory Committee.

Muir has an associate degree in fire science, a bachelor's degree in emergency planning, and a master's degree in public administration from San Diego State University.

His career is highlighted with many accomplishments, including being named one of the top 25 leaders in the past 25 years by the New Encinitas Network in 2011 and Community Hero by the Encinitas Chamber of Commerce in 2008. Muir also was awarded the San Diego County Taxpayer Golden Watchdog for his leadership on the creation of the North County Fire Management Services Cooperative Agreement in 2009-2010.

Muir resides in Encinitas with his wife, Maureen, and son, Scotland.