

## **G. Patrick O'Dowd**

G. Patrick O'Dowd is the Salton Sea Authority (Authority) Executive Director/General Manager, overseeing that agency's vital efforts to ensure the protection of human health, the preservation and restoration of the Sea's ecosystem, and pursue revitalized opportunity and prosperity for the region.

Prior to joining the Authority, Patrick served as a Board Member of the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD). Originally elected in 2014 and reelected in 2018, he represented CVWD on the Authority board, including serving one term as President.

Patrick also serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), serving as Chair of ACWA's Region 9 board (Riverside, San Bernardino, and Imperial Counties), formerly chaired the Federal Affairs Committee and past member of the Executive Committee, as well as a member of and/or serving from time to time on other ACWA committees and task forces.



In addition, he also serves as Board Vice President of Dudley Ridge Water District, is a director for Kern Water Bank Authority, Kern Water Bank Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and Chiriaco Summit Water District. Patrick co-chairs the International Boundary and Water Commission (US) Colorado River Citizens Forum, and provides leadership to several local nonprofit and faith-based organizations. He previously served on numerous other boards including the Indio Water Authority, the Indio Planning Commission, and the Advancement Board for Cal State University San Bernardino's Palm Desert campus.

Prior to his engagement by the Salton Sea Authority, he leveraged his depth of experience to provide strategic advisory services to a broad client base, has previously held a real estate license in California, Texas and in Louisiana as a Broker.

Originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, Patrick earned a bachelor's degree in Construction from Louisiana State University, and has enjoyed a diverse and extensive career in business and finance, real estate, and media. Since moving to the Coachella Valley in 1996 he has served as a publishing executive and held senior management positions with several operating enterprises including fitness, real estate development and sales, and faith-based institutions. Patrick and his wife Kathy O'Dowd, an eighth-grade teacher at Palm Desert Charter Middle School, are residents Indio, CA, and have two adult children and two dogs.