

Eric Montoya Reyes  
Biography

Executive Director and Project Lead organizer Eric Montoya Reyes (see attached resume) is an experienced (35 years) community organizer and advocate for the underserved communities of the Imperial Valley in different capacities through his adult life. His vast experience includes being culturally and linguistically competent and relevant that has seen him lead different organizations and movements within the Imperial County on issues impacting the community; including environmental and socioeconomic issues with an emphasis of representing the underserved communities; who are busy surviving and not engaged in every day opportunities to have their voices heard.

This experience and respect for the diverse needs of our region drives Los Amigos de la Comunidad, Inc as a leading theme to move the issues forward from the underserved community's perspective and needs to the officials and administrations of the state and County of Imperial to be included in the decision-making process. Eric has been an active participant, advocate and activist for Salton Sea and its current status of unknown consequences in continued water transfers and receding shoreline. Eric has participated in a multitude of Salton Sea and environmental community meetings, seminars and agency discussions and was invited, and accepted, to be on the Imperial County Environmental Justice advisory Board of the Imperial County on the SSRRSP and PEIR for the Lithium Valley Development impacting the Sea. Eric is currently a member of the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) Appeals Panel; reviewing and voting on ICAPCD cases and violations and an active participant in local and state initiatives with elected officials and agencies On environmental and human health issues in the region.