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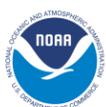
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He is the General Manager of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District), one of the twenty six member-agencies that comprise of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). For nineteen years prior to assuming his role at Upper District, Mr. Chapman held various management positions while working at the Metropolitan Water District, including his most recent role as the Assistant Manager of Water System Operations. While serving in this position, Mr. Chapman was responsible for the overall operations regarding the Colorado River Aqueduct distribution system; a position also requiring the oversight of its environmental health and safety, fleet operations, emergency management and security, and the supervision of its five water treatment plants.

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Darin J. Kasamoto, General Manager
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He has been with the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District since 1997. He was hired as the Assistant Manager and was appointed to the position of General Manager in 2004. He previously was employed for nine years by Los Angeles County Department of Public Works as a civil engineer. Darin has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Purdue University in Civil Engineering, and a Master of Science Degree from California State University Long Beach in Civil Engineering. He is also a registered Professional Engineer in the State of California.



Philip L. Friess, Department Head, Technical Services
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

He has been with the Sanitation Districts since 1980. The agency provides for the wastewater and solid waste management needs of over five million people in Los Angeles County. He is currently the Department Head of Technical Services, responsible for the overall administration of the agency's regulatory compliance, water recycling, biosolids management, research, laboratory, environmental health and safety, and employee recruitment programs. His professional experience includes wastewater treatment plant, collection system and solid waste facility operations and maintenance, solid waste facility planning and permitting, and pollution prevention program administration.



Angela George, Assistant Deputy Director
Los Angeles County Public Works Flood Control

She has been with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for over 21 years. She is a registered civil engineer who has extensive governmental experience in watershed resource planning, transportation planning and construction management. Angela currently serves as the Assistant Deputy Director over Watershed Management Division where she is responsible for planning and project development for the Flood Control District and management of the implementation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Permit for both the Flood Control District and Unincorporated County Areas.

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