Christopher A. Trees, P.E. Director of Operations San Elijo Joint Powers Authority

Mr. Trees joined the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) management team in November 2009. As the Director of Operations, he is responsible for supporting the General Manager in carrying out directives of the Board of Directors, overseeing operation of the wastewater treatment plant, pump stations, advanced water purification system, ocean outfall, laboratory, and the recycled water distribution system. He is also responsible for planning and implementation of Capital Projects associated with these facilities.

Mr. Trees has 32 years of engineering and management experience in public and private companies and government agencies holding positions ranging from Project Engineer to General Manager. Mr. Trees earned his Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University, he is a Registered Mechanical Engineer in California (license No. M29095), and holds inactive registrations as a Professional Engineer in Oregon and Washington. He served on the Board of the San Diego Chapter of WateReuse for 5-years as treasurer, vice-president, chapter president and past-president.

Professional affiliations include the Water Environment Foundation, California Association of Sanitation Agencies, WateReuse, and American Water Works Association.