

Michael T. Thornton, P.E.
General Manager
San Elijo Joint Powers Authority

Mr. Thornton joined the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) management team in October 2000 and was appointed by the Board of Director as General Manager in December 2002. The General Manager provides leadership in the management of the agency, execution of policies, and development of strategic planning. The General Manager serves as the agency's chief executive officer. His duties include responsibility for the planning, engineering, financing, and management of the wastewater and recycled water utilities.

Mr. Thornton earned his Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from San Diego State University and he is a licensed civil engineer in the state of California (No. C056969). He has 27 years of combined engineering and management experience, covering both the public and private sectors, focusing primarily on wastewater and recycled water infrastructure. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works, San Diego IRWM Regional Advisory Committee, and the Industry Advisory Board for the Environmental Engineering Program at San Diego State University. He recently completed serving 14 year on the Board of Trustees for California WateReuse.

Professional affiliations include the Water Environment Foundation, California Association of Sanitation Agencies, and American Society of Civil Engineers.