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GENERAL MANAGER JOE MOUAWAD

Joe Mouawad, who has more than three decades of experience in the water industry, was selected as Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) General Manager in April 2021.

Mouawad is the eighth General Manager in EMWD's more than 70-year history and his appointment to the post began on May 3, 2021.

Mouawad began his career at EMWD in August 2006 as the Director of Engineering. He was promoted to Senior Director of Engineering in 2014, and to Assistant General Manager of Planning, Engineering and Construction in December 2016.



EMWD's General Manager is responsible for overseeing daily operations of the organization, which employs more than 600 people and is responsible for providing high quality and reliable water, wastewater and recycled water service to nearly one million people in a 558-square mile service area in western Riverside County.

As Assistant General Manager, Mouawad oversaw seven different departments at EMWD, including Engineering, Development Services, Environmental and Regulatory Compliance, Conservation, Water Resources and Facilities Planning, Engineering Services, and Field Engineering.

Mouawad has first-hand experience managing EMWD's \$100 million annual Capital Improvement Program, including the significant expansion of its groundwater desalination program, its Perris North Groundwater Program, the growth of its recycled water program, and its Purified Water Replenishment program.

Mouawad has actively worked with a wide variety of EMWD stakeholders and has helped EMWD secure hundreds of millions in grants and low interest loans through its partnerships with state and federal funding agencies.

Prior to his tenure at EMWD, Mouawad worked at Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and in the private sector.

Mouawad received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona), and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He is a former adjunct professor of engineering at Cal Poly Pomona and a registered Civil Engineer. He is married with three adult children.