



Deanna Jackson, Executive Director, Tri-County Water Authority

Deanna Jackson was hired to serve as Executive Director for Tri-County Water Authority, on June 26, 2018, a multi-agency Joint Powers Authority that developed, and is now implementing, groundwater sustainability plans for its 120,000-acre service area located in the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasins. She began her involvement with public administration, and groundwater sustainability agency development and planning with Angiola Water District, as their Deputy General Manager in 2015. While working at Angiola Water District, Deanna served as Tri-County Water Authority's Secretary/Treasurer and in various capacities with several other water agencies, including Green Valley Water District, Wilbur Reclamation District #825, Deer Creek Storm Water District, and Tulare Lake Reclamation District #761.

For the past ten years, Deanna has collaborated with stakeholder groups, county and state agencies, and other GSA practitioners to draft and adopt two groundwater sustainability plans. She continues this collaborative process as the GSA implements SGMA. Deanna believes that being born and raised in Central Valley agriculture gave her a very direct and deep understanding of what water represents to underserved communities, farms, and dairies, as well as its impact on this nation's food security.

Deanna currently serves as a director on the boards of Atwell Island Water District and the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley, as vice chair of the Tule River Basin IRWM Advisory Committee, and as ACWA's Region 6 Chair.

Prior to working for a public agency, Deanna spent 18 years in Human Resources and Management, 10 of which were in farm office management and operations. She studied Psychology at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, California.