

Russ Martin

Board Member since November 2010. Current term expires in December 2028

Chair: Human Relations Committee ~ Chair: Engineering Committee

Director Martin grew up in Long Beach, California, where he attended Wilson High School, Long Beach Community College, and Cal State Long Beach, majoring in art history. In 1968, he started a career in law enforcement with the Santa Monica Police Department. For the next three decades, President Martin worked on a wide range of assignments, including Narcotics, Robbery-Homicide, Communications, Crime Prevention, Community Relations, and Special Enforcement. His last assignment was to command the police substation in the busy downtown Third Street Promenade. He retired from the Santa Monica PD in 2000 and was recognized for his service by the Governor of California and the President of the United States.

Director Martin has previously served on the board of directors or advisory boards of 10 organizations including the United Way, Urban Water Institute Board of Directors Westside Shelter Coalition, Claire Foundation for Substance Abuse, National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Bay Area Hotel Security Association and the City of Desert Hot Springs Public Safety Commission.

He currently serves on the Urban Water Institute Board of Directors, Riverside County Wide Oversight Board, is a member of the Agua Caliente Tribal Water Authority Board, and a Member of the Priority One Coachella Valley Advisory Committee's effort to bring a 4-year College Campus to the Coachella Valley.

Director Martin brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of leadership in the water industry. With a deep commitment to sustainable water management and community engagement, Russ is dedicated to advancing the goals of ACWA Region 9. His strategic vision and collaborative approach make him an ideal candidate for the board, where he aims to contribute to innovative solutions and effective policies that address the region's water challenges. Russ looks forward to the opportunity to serve and make a meaningful impact on the future of water resources in the community.