

Dr. Nicholas (Nick) Pinhey

Dr. Nick Pinhey has over 36 years of experience in public works and water resources and has served as Director of Public Works for the California cities of Patterson, Tracy and Modesto and as the Director of Public Works Operations for the City of Merced. He also served as the Interim General Manager of the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority. Dr. Pinhey researched groundwater supplies and groundwater banking in the Central Valley while working for the Natural Heritage Institute in San Francisco. Dr. Pinhey retired from the City of Modesto in 2011 is currently teaching at California State University Stanislaus, Department of Politics and Public Administration. He also does part-time consulting for public agencies in California.

Dr. Pinhey participated as an agency partner in the South County Surface Water Supply project which provides surface water to the cities of Escalon, Lathrop, Manteca and Tracy in partnership with the South San Joaquin Irrigation District. He also was responsible for the Tracy Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project, managed an urban surface water supply contract between Tracy and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and served on the San Joaquin County Water Advisory Committee.

Dr. Pinhey received his masters and doctorate from the University of Southern California's School of Policy, Planning and Development. His dissertation topic was a study of groundwater banking in Central California. He was also a co-author of the publication *Designing Successful Groundwater Banking Programs in the Central Valley: Lessons from Experience* which was part of a system-wide conjunctive water management research program funded by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Dr. Pinhey served as the President of the California Water Environment Association in 1997 and served on the Board of Directors for the Water Environment Federation from 1999-2002. He is currently certified by the State of California as a Water Treatment Plant Operator and a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.