

Biography



Kevin E. Kelley

General Manager, Imperial Irrigation District

Kevin Kelley is a lifelong resident of the Imperial Valley and a 1984 graduate of the University of Southern California. A former journalist and communications consultant, Kelley was recruited to the Imperial Irrigation District in 2006 to head up its public affairs office; in 2011, he became the agency's general manager.

At IID, Kelley manages the largest irrigation district in the country and the third largest public power provider in the state.

In recent years, he has emerged as a leading advocate of a smaller but sustainable Salton Sea and has reminded the state of its obligation to adopt, fund and implement a coherent restoration plan – starting with a 10-year roadmap for the sea – that the Imperial and Coachella valleys can believe in.

Kelley and his wife, Mary Beth, a kindergarten teacher, live in El Centro, California.