



James C. Hanks

Imperial Irrigation District Board of Directors, Division 3

Director James C. Hanks represents Division 3, which includes Brawley, Calipatria and Niland.

Director Hanks was elected to the IID board in the 2006 primary, but began serving as director following the May 2006 death of incumbent director Lloyd Allen. (Mr. Hanks had been appointed by the Imperial County Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancy in July 2006). He was re-elected in 2010, 2014 and 2018.

He also serves on the Salton Sea Authority and on the state's Colorado River Board.

Director Hanks is a retired school superintendent, having worked in the education field for 38 years. He holds master's, bachelor's and associate of science degrees in counseling. He was raised in Brawley and attended Imperial Valley College, Southern Utah, San Diego State and the University of San Diego. He served as superintendent for the Calipatria Unified School District for 20 years. He was also principal for four years and assistant principal for seven years in Niland and Calipatria schools. Early in his career he was a teacher and an assistant principal in the Seeley Union School District.

His service includes:

- Imperial Valley Telecommunications Agency board
- Imperial County Volunteer Employer Benefits Area board
- Special Education Local Planning Area board, as chairman
- Imperial County Schools Joint Powers Authority

He was a member of the Association of California School Administrators and has been a member of the Calipatria Lions Club for more than 25 years. He was honored by the Lions Club with the Melvin Jones Fellowship for community service.

His current term expires December 2022.