



Michael A. Pacheco

Water Department Manager, Imperial Irrigation District

Mike Pacheco is currently serving as Water Department manager for Imperial Irrigation District, a key participant in the nation's largest ag-to-urban water conservation transfer agreement.

As manager, he plans, directs, controls and manages the functions, activities and personnel engaged in the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of the irrigation and drainage system, including Imperial Dam and the All-American Canal.

His responsibilities include developing, implementing and monitoring short- and long-term plans, goals, objectives and policies focused on achieving the department's mission and priorities for facility maintenance and expansion, capital improvements and operation of water delivery and drainage systems. Water conservation and transfer efforts in the Imperial Valley play an important role in helping California live within its 4.4 million acre-foot Colorado River entitlement.

Pacheco was selected for the department manager's position in June 2015 following an application process. Ten months prior, he had been serving as interim department manager in charge of operations and maintenance. He joined IID in 1980 as a zanjero and, over the course of a 35-year career, rose through the ranks to serve as water coordinator, assistant superintendent and superintendent of operations for the Northend Division and as assistant department manager.

During his career he has gained extensive experience, all within IID's Water Department.

Academically, Pacheco attended Imperial Valley College and has been heavily involved in the community. He has served as head basketball coach at Brawley High School, as a member of the Imperial County Sheriff's Department Posse and on Brawley's Development Review Committee. He has also served as committee advisor to the California Interscholastic Federation and as Little League committee member, Holtville.