



## Gary Croucher

### Chair, Board of Directors

**W**ater Authority Board Chair Gary Croucher joined the Water Authority Board in July 2001, representing Otay Water District. He previously served as Vice Chair and Secretary.

#### B I O G R A P H Y

The San Diego County Water Authority sustains a \$245 billion regional economy and the quality of life for 3.3 million residents through a multi-decade water supply diversification plan, major infrastructure investments and forward-thinking policies that promote fiscal and environmental responsibility. A public agency created in 1944, the Water Authority delivers wholesale water supplies to 24 retail water providers, including cities, special districts and a military base.



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He currently sits on the Administrative and Finance Committee and the Legislation and Public Outreach Committee. He also is a member of the MWD Settlement Negotiations Team and the chair of the Colorado River Work Group. In addition, Croucher is the Water Authority's alternate to the San Diego Association of Governments Board of Directors and to SANDAG's Borders Committee.

Croucher is a long-time firefighter in San Diego. He retired on December 31, 2019, as Assistant Chief for CAL Fire/San Diego County fire. During his 30-year career as a firefighter he moved up the ranks from Firefighter, Engineer, Captain and Battalion Chief to the position of Assistant Chief. Prior to retirement he was the San Diego County Fire Districts representative to Homeland Security and terrorism liaison officer for the region. He was appointed to the Otay Water District's Board in 2001 by the County Board of Supervisors and following his appointment was elected four times to the Division 3 seat. He has served as President of the Otay Water District Board three times, and as Chair of its various committees. He has also served as the Water Authority alternate to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), and serves on the Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCO) Special District Advisory Committee.

His career is highlighted with many accomplishments, including being named Employee of the Year, serving as Chair of the Border Agency Fire Council, and as the President of the Executive Board of Directors for Southern Area Fire Equipment Research (SAFER) in 2004.

Croucher resides in Spring Valley with his wife Cynthia.