

El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1

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The El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 (District) Board of Directors has appointed Lisa Aguilar to be the District's General Manager and Jay Ornelas to be its District Engineer. The Board appointments were made at its March 18th meeting.

Ms. Aguilar has been an employee of the District for 16 years and has served as the District's Chief Administrative Officer since 2017. Ms. Aguilar will serve the District as both General Manager and Chief Administrative Officer.

Jay Ornelas, a Professional Engineer, served as the District's General Manager since January 2023, and for 12 years before that, as the Assistant District Engineer.

Dr. Al Blair, P.E., who had served as the District Engineer since 2004 and before that as a consulting engineer for the District since 1991, will continue to serve the District as a consulting engineer. His focus will be on the design and construction of water conservation projects. He will also continue to serve as the District's representative to the federal reclamation project known as the Rio Grande Project, and as a member of the Allocation Committee for the Rio Grande Project.