

John J. Entsminger, General Manager

John J. Entsminger oversees the operations of the Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD), which serves nearly 400,000 customer accounts, and the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), which is responsible for acquiring, treating and delivering water to local agencies that collectively serve 2.1 million residents and 43 million annual visitors. He was appointed general manager by both agencies' Boards of Directors in early 2014, having previously served as director of environmental and water resource law and senior deputy general manager. Entsminger joined the organization in 1999 as an attorney.

Entsminger has spent his career addressing the unique water challenges facing Southern Nevada. He has been instrumental in developing inter basin and international agreements protecting Lake Mead water elevations, including the 2007 Colorado River Interim Guidelines and Minutes 319 and 323 to the 1944 U.S. - Mexico Water Treaty. In April 2014, he was appointed by Governor Sandoval to serve as Nevada's lead negotiator on Colorado River matters. More recently, Entsminger was integrally involved with the completion of Drought Contingency Plans designed to significantly reduce the likelihood of Lake Mead reaching critically low elevations by incrementally curtailing water use in the Lower Colorado River Basin in a manner that does not unduly impact any single user community. The plans were codified in bipartisan legislation as the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan Authorization Act, passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate within weeks, and quickly signed into law by the president.

To ensure continued water service reliability—the LVVWD currently ranks among the nation's leaders in terms of minimizing water loss and main breaks—Entsminger is overseeing a large-scale infrastructure renewal and expansion initiative in which the agency will invest \$600 million during the next decade to replace aging pipes and facilities while increasing capacity. Combined with the SNWA's new Lake Mead drinking water intake and low-elevation pumping station, this initiative is designed to ensure uninterrupted access to the community's primary water supply even under critical drought conditions, along with the ability to consistently deliver that water to Southern Nevada's residents and businesses.

On the national level, Entsminger serves on the boards of directors of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, The Water Research Foundation, and the Desert Research Institute Foundation Board of Trustees.

Entsminger is a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado and of the University of Colorado School of Law, where he was awarded the Charles N. Woodruff Natural Resources Law Fellowship. He and his family have been in Las Vegas for 20 years.