Eric Kuhn Biography

Eric Kuhn is the General Manager of the Colorado River District, a position he has held since 1996. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Engineering from the University of New Mexico and a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from Pepperdine University in California.

Prior to working for the Colorado River District, he served as an engineer officer aboard nuclear submarines in the U.S. Navy and worked as a nuclear start-up engineer for Bechtel Power Corp.

Eric started employment with the Colorado River District in 1981 as Assistant Secretary-Engineer. He has served on the Engineering Advisory Committee of the Upper Colorado River Compact Commission since 1981.

From 1994 through 2001, he served on the Colorado Water Conservation Board representing the Colorado River mainstem. In 2006, Eric was appointed by Governor Owens as an at-large representative on the Colorado Interbasin Compact Committee, a position he continues to hold.

Earlier this year, Eric announced his pending retirement from the Colorado River District and the search for a replacement is underway. It is anticipated he will continue working through the early part of 2018 during a transition period.

In the meantime, Eric is writing a book about how Colorado River hydrology and how the past and current understandings colored the Colorado River Compact of 1922 and present day policy issues.