

# Melanie Richardson

## Chief Operating Officer Watersheds



Melanie Richardson is the Chief Operating Officer for Watersheds at the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District). She has been with the District for 27 years in the following roles: Associate Civil Engineer, Assistant Operating Officer of Water Supply, Deputy Administrative Officer of Corporate Business Services, and most recently, the Deputy Operating Officer of Watersheds Design & Construction. In this most recent position, Ms. Richardson was responsible for planning, design and construction of approximately \$950 million in capital flood protection and watershed stream stewardship projects. She was appointed as Interim Chief Operating Officer for Watersheds effective August 15, 2016 and was appointed Chief Operating Officer in January of 2018.

Ms. Richardson is a registered Civil Engineer in the state of California and has served as one of the two Designated Engineers for the District. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Montana State University. Ms. Richardson served for six years on the San Jose Parks and Recreation Commission, acting as Chair for two years and was appointed by the mayor of San Jose to serve on a special Task Force for planning of the Evergreen area in San Jose. She is a past President of the Northern California Chapter of WaterReuse and currently serves as co-chair of the Flood Management Committee of the National Association of Flood & Stormwater Agencies.