

Nina Hawk

Chief Operating Officer

Water Utility Enterprise



As Chief of the Water Utility, Nina is responsible for leading Santa Clara County's water supply program, consisting of water importation, surface reservoir operations and storage, groundwater management, raw and treated water delivery, drinking water treatment, water recycling and purification, and water conservation programs. This includes 10 reservoirs, three pump stations, 142 miles of pipelines, four water treatment plants, and 393 acres of recharge ponds.

As a municipal executive, Nina's experience includes utility management in both private and public sectors. Her roles over the years have included engineering, regulatory compliance, safety, fiscal and operations, and maintenance. Her background includes groundwater management, water distribution owner/operator, industrial wastewater treatment plant operations, and long-range water supply planning.

Nina holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering and a Master of Public Administration from San Jose State University.