

Division 4



John Covington
Treasurer

Administrator, Morongo Band of Mission Indians

The Morongo Band of Mission Indians has employed Mr. Covington since 2005. He manages the Tribe's Water and Wastewater Departments and implements all water resource management activities. He serves as the Tribal Government Administrator, overseeing other tribal departments. His professional career started in 1987 in the public sector of the water industry, and he continues working for the tribal government. His expertise lies in potable and non-potable water systems, design and distribution, water supply operations, water supply hydraulics, water treatment, quality, resource, and water rights management. He also has extensive knowledge of Tribal water rights (Federally Reserved), state water rights, and statewide resource water management.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and SOCIETIES

- ❖ State of California Water Distribution Grade III
- ❖ State of California Water Treatment Grade III
- ❖ American Water Works Water Distribution Operator Grade II
- ❖ State of California Tribal Advisory Committee Member (DWR)
- ❖ American Water Works Association CA/NV Member
- ❖ Association of California Water Agencies Member
- ❖ California Rural Water Association Board Member
- ❖ State of California Delegate, National Rural Water Association Board of Directors
- ❖ Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District Elected Member (Elected)
- ❖ Riverside County Municipal Advisory Commission (Chairman)

Mr. Covington has over three decades of industry experience and serves many local agencies and intergovernmental committees. He is experienced in local and regional water issues and has been instrumental in advocating for legislative reform relating to Native American water resources and water rights. Mr. Covington has provided expert witness testimony about water rights and is recognized by many agencies as a collaborative key person in negotiations and implementing critical management decisions and projects.

Mr. Covington's commitment to the water industry and community is demonstrated through his community service, membership, and participation in several committees statewide

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Currently, he has 35 years of water industry experience, an Associate of Arts Degree, and a Water Supply Engineering Certification from San Bernardino Valley College District.