

November MSSC Board Member of the Month

Mark R. Stratton

Mark is currently employed at the Metro Water District in Tucson, Arizona. He received his bachelor of science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Arizona in 1979.

Mark has been with the Metro Water District since shortly after it was formed, starting in January, 1993. After spending a little over a year as the district engineer, he has served in his current position as the general manager since April, 1994.

Prior to his work at the Metro Water District, he spent 10 years with Pima County Wastewater Management. Mark worked primarily as the planning manager, overseeing development and capital planning.

Mark was part of MSSC's founding board which was established in 2001. Mike Gritzuk, Phoenix Water Services Director, called Mark to say that southern Arizona needed a representative in this new organization to collaborate on salinity issues. With Mark's involvement in various professional associations within the state of Arizona, Mike felt he could represent the smaller water providers in the area. Once they started meeting, Mark was impressed with the quality and expertise of the people attending the meetings. The board offered information and recommendations to the problem of managing salinity.

Mark feels that MSSC plays a vital role in salinity management. "I think that the continued outreach of holding an annual summit to bring forth the latest information on policies, technologies, and politics is the strength of the MSSC. With economics and resources limiting the abilities of many to actually do anything regarding salinity management, it's still important for those entities to have the latest information available; and I believe the MSSC fills that need."

Mark is married and has 3 children who are 16, 20, and 23 years old. He loves to play golf, ride motorcycles, hunt, and fish.

Mark had enjoyed his time on the MSSC Board and feels fortunate to have met so many individuals willing to share their time. He, and the entire board, hope to continue to provide information on what's happening in the world of salinity to as many people as possible.