

## NAFSMA 2016-2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### PRESIDENT

STEVE FITZGERALD, P.E., D.WRE

Chief Engineer

Harris County Flood Control District



Steve Fitzgerald is the Chief Engineer for the Harris County Flood Control District in Houston, TX. With over 30 years of experience, he provides institutional knowledge and technical integrity to the day-to-day operations of the District. He is program manager for all federal U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects, oversees the application and update of the Harris County Flood Control District's Policy, Criteria,

and Procedure Manual; and is the flood watch leader monitoring and evaluating actual flood events. He served as a member of the Corps of Engineers' Hurricane Katrina New Orleans Interagency Performance Evaluation Task (IPET) as a co-lead of the Interior Drainage/Flooding Team. He serves on the Independent Technical Review Panel for the USACE/FEMA Joint Texas Coastal Surge Study. He also serves on the Industry Advisory Council for the Civil & Environmental Engineering Department at Prairie View A&M University.

He received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Stanford University and a M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

### VICE PRESIDENT

JANET BLY

General Manager

Miami Conservancy District

Janet Bly is General Manager of the Miami Conservancy District, located in Dayton, OH. She joined the organization in 1994 and has served as its General Manager for the past 10 years.

The Miami Conservancy District was formed in 1915 in response to the Great Flood of 1913 in southwestern Ohio. The conservancy district operates and maintains a comprehensive flood protection system that includes dams, levees, improved river channel, preserved floodplain, and other non-structural measures. Ms. Bly has overall responsibility for the management of the organization, overseeing a staff of approximately 50 employees engaged in flood protection as well as water resource preservation, and river corridor recreational development.





## SECRETARY

MARK PESTRELLA

Chief Deputy Director

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Mark Pestrella is Chief Deputy Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. He is responsible for all core business operations of the Department including water resources management, waste management, transportation, public building construction, development services, emergency management, financial management, and human resource management. One of his primary duties is to implement the Department Strategic Plan and initiatives, as well as overseeing the application of the County Board of Supervisors' policies and directives. A native of Southern California, Pestrella attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering with concentrations in structural engineering and water resource management. He is a licensed civil engineer in the State of California and has taught post-graduate classes in Civil Engineering and Land Development Entitlement at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Mark is an active member of the American Public Works Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Water Works Association, Association of California Water Agencies, National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (Board Member), Southern California Water Committee (Chair-Regional Stormwater Task Force), and Urban Water Institute (Board Member).

## TREASURER

STEVE PARRISH

General Manager/Chief Engineer

Clark County Flood Control District, NV

Steve Parrish is a professional engineer registered in the State of Nevada. He has been working on flood management issues in Southern Nevada for 24 years. Steve is currently the General Manager and Chief Engineer of the Clark County Regional Flood Control District. The District is a planning and funding agency charged with improving the resilience of Southern Nevada to the dangers of flooding. Steve obtained a BS degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 1991. Steve is a NAFSMA Director and also serves as a Board member for the College of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Construction Management at UNLV. Steve also is an active Board member of a nonprofit based in Las Vegas. In his free time, Steve enjoys snow skiing, reading, traveling and spending time with his family.



## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY ALLEN RICHARDS

Deputy City Engineer

City of Charlotte, Engineering & Property Management

As Deputy City Engineer for the City of Charlotte's Engineering & Property Management Key Business Unit (KBU), Tim Richards provides leadership for strategic, operational, and policy initiatives within the Department and the City.

Richards joined the City's Engineering Department in 1987 and was promoted to Land Development Division Manager in 1993.

He left the City for a few years in 1994 to manage construction projects for Crowder Construction Company and later, Mecklenburg County's Land Development Services Division. Richards returned to the City in 1997 as the Storm Water Services' Maintenance Team Program Manager, working his way to Engineering Program Manager, then Division Manager.

He received a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. He lives in Mint Hill with his wife, Sarah. They have 3 daughters, Andrea, Sara Jayne and Beth.



## NAFSMA STAFF



SUSAN GILSON

Executive Director

Ms. Gilson has worked with NAFSMA since 1989 and has served as the organization's Executive Director since 1993. She has an extensive background in water resources policy issues and works closely with the congressional staff, and officials of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency/Department of Homeland Security and others on legislative and regulatory issues.

Prior to becoming NAFSMA's Executive Director on a full-time basis in January 2008, Susan was a managing associate in the Water Resources, Transportation and Environment Practice at Carmen Group, Inc. Prior to joining Carmen Group, she was an assistant city representative for the National Center for Municipal Development, where she analyzed federal legislation and regulations on behalf of local government clients. She also worked on a special project with the Roosevelt Center for American Policy Studies. Susan graduated cum laude in 1979 from Westminster College, with a degree in political science.