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## **Megan Yoo Schneider** *Founder and President* **Seven Management Consulting**



Megan Yoo Schneider, the founder and President of Seven Management and Consulting, Inc, teaches Environmental Policy at Chapman University, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Municipal Water District of Orange County and on the National Science Foundation Joint Committee on Drinking Water Additives for System Components and Treatment Chemicals. She currently chairs the Water Environment Federation Public Communications and Outreach Committee and is a member of the Advisory Board for Breakthrough San Juan Capistrano.

A member and leader within several water sector organizations, including the Water Environment Federation, the American Water Works Association, and the California Water Environment Association, Ms. Schneider increases public awareness and educates the next generation about the importance of water. She oversees a youth mentorship program and also organizes Women in Water in Orange County, California. She has received numerous awards and accolades for these efforts.

She is a licensed professional civil engineer, who earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering with a Specialization in Environmental Engineering and a Master of Science in Engineering with a Concentration in Environmental Engineering.

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## **Jonathan Leung**

*Assistant Director, Water Quality Division*  
**Los Angeles Department of Water and Power**

Jonathan Leung is Assistant Director of the Water Quality Division at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). He has over 29 years of experience at the LADWP in a variety of roles for the Water System, Power System, and General Manager's Office.

Currently, Mr. Leung oversees the broad activities of the Water Quality operations staff. He is a champion of numerous innovation and customer service initiatives at LADWP and has participated in several international collaborations to develop innovative technology.

He has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Stanford University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern California.

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**Greg Meszaros**  
*Director*  
**Austin Water**

Greg Meszaros has served as Director of Austin Water since 2007, leading a team of 1,200 employees dedicated to providing high quality drinking water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services to the Austin metropolitan area.

During his tenure, Austin Water has been recognized with many awards for excellence, including the 2020 Alliance for Water Efficiency Platinum Recognition of Water Conservation Programs, three AMWA Utility Management Awards, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Peak Performance Award for Wastewater Treatment Facilities, and the Partnership for Safe Drinking Water President's Award. In 2020, Austin Water was recognized by the Water Environment Federation, The Water Research Foundation, and NACWA as a "Utility of the Future Today" honoring Austin Water's commitment to forward-thinking, innovative, and resilient services to the Austin community.

Prior to joining Austin Water, he served as the Director of Utilities and Public Works for the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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**Randy E. Hayman**  
*Commissioner and CEO*  
**Philadelphia Water Department**

Randy E. Hayman has served as Commissioner and CEO of Philadelphia Water Department since June 2019.

Mr. Hayman is responsible for managing all units and a staff of 2,000 at the Water Department, which provides integrated water, wastewater, and stormwater services for Philadelphia, as well as some suburban wholesale clients.

He oversees three drinking water treatment plants, three wastewater treatment plants, and a contract-operated biosolids facility. He is also responsible for the operation and maintenance of the 3,200 miles of water mains, 3,700 miles of sewers, 79,000 inlets, 25,000 fire hydrants, and various pumping stations throughout the city.

Before assuming his post in Philadelphia, he worked as an Assistant Attorney General in Missouri. He was a partner at the environmental law firm of Beveridge & Diamond, headquartered in Washington, D.C. He served as general counsel for 15 years at two major water utilities, the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority and the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

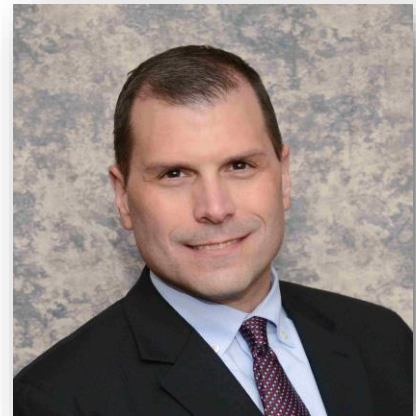
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**Jeffrey W. Szabo**  
*Chief Executive Officer*  
**Suffolk County Water Authority**



Jeffrey W. Szabo has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) since May 2010.

Under his leadership, SCWA developed its first long-term strategic business plan, which identifies key objectives to transform operations over a ten-year period, including completing the transition to automated meter reading technology; implementing mobile workforce technology; developing long-term sustainable water supply plans for vulnerable areas; creating new treatment methods for emerging contaminants; and conducting vulnerability assessments of critical facilities. As a result, SCWA has been presented with five prestigious awards from various organizations honoring its performance and commitment to the environment.

Mr. Szabo was also the architect of the creation of the Long Island Commission for Aquifer Protection (LICAP), a bi-county effort to identify threats to Long Island's sole source aquifer and provide a blueprint for the regional management of Long Island's groundwater resources. He currently serves as LICAP Chairman. He also serves on AMWA's Board of Directors and as Chairman of its Legislative Committee. Additionally, he serves as Chairman of the Central Pine Barrens Advisory Committee.

Prior to joining SCWA, Mr. Szabo served as Deputy County Executive and Chief of Staff for the Suffolk County Executive. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Long Island University.

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## **Steve Sliver**

*Executive Director*

**Michigan PFAS Action Response Team**

Steve Sliver was named Executive Director of the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team in February 2019. He is responsible for coordinating Michigan's unique, multi-agency approach to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination across the state.

A 33-year veteran of state government, he is the former Assistant Director of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Materials Management Division. He was responsible for promoting recycling and waste utilization, as well as pollution prevention, ensuring the proper management of materials under the hazardous waste and liquid industrial by-products, solid waste, scrap tire, medical waste, and e-waste programs. He was responsible for protecting the public and environment from the hazards associated with radioactive materials.

He obtained his undergraduate degree in Environmental Engineering from Michigan Technological University.



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**Jerry Diamond**  
*Director, Ecotoxicology*  
**Tetra Tech**

Dr. Jerry Diamond, Tetra Tech's Director of Ecotoxicology, has more than 30 years of experience in human health and ecological risk assessments, aquatic ecology, environmental toxicology, water quality criteria and standards, and design and interpretation of environmental assessments.

He has developed and managed more than 300 environmental assessments involving various types of pollutant sources, including treated wastewater effluents, industrial and municipal stormwater, combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, and nonpoint source runoff from urban and agricultural sources. Dr. Diamond has directed many successful toxicity identification evaluations for industrial and municipal wastewater facilities. He also has developed site-specific water quality criteria and standards and wastewater discharge permit limits for dissolved oxygen, several metals, ammonia, selenium, and other constituents for more than 100 sites around the United States.

In addition to assisting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, state and local agencies, and commercial clients with various water quality issues, he has worked as an expert on water quality and toxicity issues in other countries including Canada, Brazil, Japan, Korea, and Thailand.