



**Long Beach Water Department**  
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**Executive Rejoins Forward Thinking Water Agency**

LONG BEACH, CA - Ryan J. Alsop, who has served the last seven months as Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Director of External Affairs, is rejoining the Long Beach Water Department as Manager of Government and Public Affairs. Alsop, the newest member of the Department's executive management team, is scheduled to start December 1 and will report directly to Kevin Wattier, the Department's General Manager.

As the Manager of Government & Public Affairs for the Long Beach Water Department, a position he held for nearly three years prior to his appointment by the Governor, Alsop will direct all Federal, State and local government affairs activity of the Department and its governing body, the Board of Water Commissioners. He will also direct all communication and public relations activities as they relate to the sale, use and distribution of the Department's water resources. "Water is a highly political and sophisticated public policy issue in the western United States, and particularly here in southern California," stated Kevin Wattier, General Manager. "Ryan's experience is a huge asset for the Department and our customers."

As Director of External Affairs for the Governor, Alsop functioned as the Governor's official liaison to a variety of constituencies, statewide coalitions and organizations, generally representing the Governor's viewpoints, policies and priorities. However, Alsop's primary role was as the Governor's liaison to local elected officials throughout the state. "I am looking forward to rejoining one of the country's most innovative and well managed water agencies and spending more time with my wife and two children," stated Alsop, who commutes from Southern California to the State Capitol weekly. "It's been an honor and privilege to work under this Governor who is a true public servant and visionary leader; great things are in store for this State."

Alsop has extensive senior-level experience in government and public affairs as well as in the Long Beach community. He has served as Vice President of Government and Public Affairs of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, as a congressional legislative aide to former United States Representative Stephen Horn and as a Washington D.C. based lobbyist for Los Angeles County, the City of Long Beach, the Long Beach Water Department and the Port of Long Beach. He has also served as a senior staff member to the late, former Majority Leader of the California State Senate, Kenneth L. Maddy. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the California State University at Bakersfield and a Master of Public Policy from the American University, School of Public Affairs, in Washington D.C. He is married to Melissa and they have two children.

The Long Beach Water Department is an urban, southern California water supply agency. It has an operating budget of \$86 million, has approximately 220 employees and is governed by the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners.

The Long Beach Water Department currently operates a desalination pilot plant, which uses a unique membrane technology developed by Long Beach Water Department engineers, to desalinate seawater. The technology is known as the "Long Beach Method." Independent analyses show the technology to be 20 to 30 percent more energy efficient than traditional desalination methods.

Congress' action on Saturday continues federal investment in this nationally-impacting project, made possible through a partnership with the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The technology, among other things, will be tested to verify and further develop energy savings and optimize the process so that it can be enlarged and possibly duplicated throughout the United States.

The Long Beach Water Department is a large, urban Southern California municipal water supply agency. For more information on desalination or reclaimed water, visit [www.lbwater.org](http://www.lbwater.org).