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BANC Commissioner Profile:



Arlen Orchard **Chief Executive Officer and General Manager,** **Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)**

Arlen Orchard, who joined SMUD in 1990 as a staff attorney, was named Chief Executive Officer and General Manager in April, 2014. He reports to the SMUD Board of Directors. As CEO, he leads the sixth largest consumer-owned electric utility in the nation serving a population of 1.4 million residents and managing a \$1.4 billion budget.

Orchard moved to the top post after serving as general counsel for SMUD since 2001.

Orchard serves on the boards of directors of the Large Public Power Council and the Northwest Public Power Association; and on the board of directors and executive committee of the California Municipal Utilities Association. He also serves on the boards of directors of Capital Stage, a nonprofit professional theater company, the Greater Sacramento Area Economic Council, the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce, and Valley Vision.

He received a juris doctorate degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law, a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Nevada, Reno and attended UCD's Graduate School of Management.