

Kevin O. Watson

Executive Director – Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Mr. Watson has over 40 years of experience managing utilities. His experience encompasses both the public and private sectors. He is currently serving as the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation in the Northern Mariana Islands, USA. Having come up ranks from the Drinking Water and Wastewater Division Manager to the Deputy Executive Director, to Executive Director.

His background includes over 20 years managing utilities in California and 14 years in the private sector where he worked throughout the United States and overseas where he spent five years of supervising and training over three hundred operators and engineers in Egypt. Throughout his career, a key component of Mr. Watson's duties included operational management, contract administration, and regulatory compliance. As a manager his focus was to work collaboratively with other departments to accomplish the organization's overall goals and objectives. Each position required him to effectively communicate and build solid trusting relationships with local, state, and federal regulators as well as earn the trust and respect of the communities served.

Mr. Watson holds a Master of Public Administration, Option: Public Sector Management and Leadership from California State University, Northridge, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of Phoenix.

His professional licenses include:

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Water Treatment Operator 4,

Water Distribution Operator 4,

Wastewater Treatment Operator 2,

Wastewater Collections Operator 2,

California Water Treatment Plant Operator T5, and

California Water Distribution Operator D5.

He has also held certifications for both water and wastewater in Virginia, Florida, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Professional Associations

Active member of the American Public Power Association (APPA), Pacific Power Association (PPA), American Water Works Association (AWWA), American Public Works Association (APWA), CA – NV AWWA, Southwest Membrane Operator Association (SWMOA), and California Water Environmental Association (CWEA).