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Gary W. Darling has enjoyed a long and varied career in water management and environmental stewardship. In 2003 he joined Delta Diablo Sanitation District (DDSD) as General Manager. This agency provides wastewater and pollution prevention services to nearly 200,000 municipal and industrial customers across three cities in East Contra Costa County (45 miles east of San Francisco). As part of the wastewater treatment facility, DDSD operates one of the largest industrial recycled water plants in California.

Prior to joining DDSD, Mr. Darling was actively involved in developing new sustainable water resources for California, including overseeing the environmental review for the \$650M Freeport water project on the Sacramento River, and as program manager on the 450M Los Vaqueros Reservoir project which was brought in on budget and won the 1999 *American Society of Civil Engineers Outstanding Achievement Award*.

In 2009, Mr. Darling travelled to Washington, DC to give testimony before the House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power on behalf of the Bay Area Water Recycling Coalition - a partnership of fourteen public agencies committed to developing recycled water as a resource for over six million residents of the counties served around the San Francisco Bay Area.

He was also an invited speaker at General Electric's *Leadership Summit: From Used to Useful* held in New York. One hundred people from eight nations attended the conference, including representatives from Singapore, Australia, Canada, India, Mexico as well as many states across the USA. Together they discussed global recycled water initiatives, challenges and opportunities.

Mr. Darling and his team are currently spearheading a coalition of sixteen San Francisco Bay area agencies exploring wastewater management options which support a regional facility that will use biosolids and other biofuels to generate renewable energy.

Mr. Darling is a graduate of the University of California (Davis) and a registered Civil Engineer in California.