

**Paul D. Schmidtbauer**

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**Paul Schmidtbauer** is the Industrial Waste Administrator for South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) and has been in this position for 24 years. He started, coordinated and conducts the regional pretreatment program for SOCWA and its member agencies. SOCWA is a Joint Powers Authority made up of 10 member agencies that serves a population of about 550,000 in a service area of 220 square miles located in the southern area of Orange County, California.

Mr. Schmidtbauer began his career in the Environmental field in 1972 working for Marine Biological Consultants, Inc. as a field and laboratory technician involved in multiple client projects along the Southern California coastal waters. In 1985, he went to the Santa Margarita Water District as the Laboratory Supervisor overseeing domestic water and wastewater sampling and analysis and was assigned to begin and conduct the District's source control program. In 1989, he began his current position with SOCWA.

Since 1985, Mr. Schmidtbauer has been a member of the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and the California Water Environment Association (CWEA). He has been a CWEA 5S member since 2005. He received the CWEA Pretreatment, Pollution Prevention and Stormwater (P3S) Person of the Year award for 2007. He holds a CWEA Grade IV Environmental Compliance Inspector and CWEA Grade I Laboratory Analyst certifications. He recently completed serving a three year term (2010-2013) on the CWEA Board of Directors serving as its Secretary/Treasurer in 2012-13. In 2008, he participated as a delegate on the WEF/NACWA Global Water Environment Delegation trip to China coordinated through People to People International.

Mr. Schmidtbauer earned a BA in Biological Science from California State University, Fullerton.