

WARREN LAI
Public Works Director



Warren attended the University of California, Davis, and received a degree in Civil Engineering in 1998. He began his career with the Contra Costa County Public Works Department in May 1998 and has worked in various Divisions including, Transportation Engineering, Design/Construction, Engineering Services, and Environmental. He was promoted to Division Manager overseeing Engineering Services and Special Districts in 2010 and later promoted to Deputy Director in 2018. In 2024 Warren was appointed Contra Costa County Public Works Director and Chief Engineer of the Flood Control District, overseeing more than 450 employees that maintain roads, bridges, flood control channels, buildings, grounds, airports, and related infrastructure.

Warren is a member of the American Public Works Association (APWA) and believes in furthering the careers of all professionals in the public works industry. He has had an opportunity to speak at the APWA National and local Northern California conferences on a number of topics to assist others in career growth. Warren has also received his CSAC credential in the California County Senior Executive program.

Warren and his wife enjoy traveling and experiencing the outdoors. One of Warren's favorite past times is fishing, including fly fishing for Sierra trout or Delta stripers, and hunting for trophy fish in the open waters of Alaska, Sea of Cortez, and Gulf of Mexico.