

Michael S. Mares Jr.



Summary: An innovative, self-motivated, people oriented professional with over 20 years of experience with California Water Service Company. Knowledge, skill and experience in management/supervision, operations, customer service, rates, business development, community service, public relations, emergency response and safety. Particular strengths in the areas of leadership, employee development, planning, organizing, troubleshooting and team building based on respect and collaboration.

Professional Experience

Hawaii Water Service Company



- o General Manager
- o Local Manager

California Water Service Company - Chico District

- o Construction Superintendent (Supervision/Management)
- o Distribution Superintendent
- o General Foreman
- o Utility Worker/Relief Pump Operator (Union)
- o Operations and Maintenance Worker (Began as a Temporary)



Mares Drywall and Painting



- o Journeyman drywall finisher and installer
- o Responsible for supervising crews, managing multiple job sites, training/developing new employees, estimating projects and meeting deadlines.

Education and Licenses

- o Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Communication (Kaplan University)
- o California & Hawaii Water Distribution Operator Certificate – Grade 4
- o Hawaii Water Treatment Plant Operator Certificate – Grade 1
- o California Water Treatment Operator Certificate – Grade 2
- o Water and Wastewater Executive Leadership Training (University of North Carolina)
- o Finance for Executives Training (The University of Chicago Booth School of Business)

Company/Union Work Teams

- o Local 160-D Vice President 1997-2001
- o Internal Measures Team 2000-2003
- o Member, Chico District Advisory Panel 2002-2012
- o Management Training Program (mentor) 2011-2012

Community Service

- Member, Hawaii Leeward Planning Commission 2012-Present
- Board Member, Hawaii Rural Water 2014-Present
- Member, Chamber of Commerce 2015-Present
- Member, Rotary Club 2015-Present
- Member & Past President, Chico Lions Club 2007-2012
- Member, Chico Exchange Club 2002-2009
- Board Member, Chico Sports Boosters 2003 - 2011
- Manager/Coach, various youth sports 1990 - 2006

Interests include: fishing, hunting, hiking, traveling, fitness training and outdoor cooking.