

District Administration

For much of its early history, administrative activities, aside from the engineering and legal ones, were carried out by the Managers themselves. In 1974 the District hired high school science teacher Cal Berman, on an hourly basis to supervise the harvesting operations, and to attend to some other details of the operation of the District during the summer months. This arrangement continued until 1982.

Meanwhile in late 1979 Donald Klomstad resigned as a manager to become the District's Executive Secretary. Paid an hourly wage (\$10), he assumed much of the day-to-day administrative responsibility, though Cal Berman continued to supervise the harvesting activities until 1982 when he was succeeded by Morrie Estenson, whose position was often described as "Assistant Executive Secretary" (he later assumed the title Aquatic Plant Harvest Supervisor). Klomstad continued his part-time work as Executive Secretary until late 1990. Peter Waller, was named as Klomstad's full-time replacement, and served from 1991 to early 1993.

Dick Hecock was named as the District's full-time administrator effective May, 1993; beginning in 1994, Hecock's position was reduced to part-time. Terry Anderson assumed the duties of Aquatic Plant Supervisor when Estenson retired in 1995. In 1999 Tera Guetter joined the staff as a full-time Assistant Administrator. She became Administrator in 2001, at which time Hecock assumed responsibilities as "senior advisor".

During most of the history of the District, secretarial and accounting services were either performed by the Managers or by part-time personnel (sometimes managers' spouses). Joanne Thompson was appointed as a part-time clerk in 1994. After her resignation in 2000, she was succeeded by several part-time office helpers. Denise Baer took over office supervisor and accounting duties in 2001.