

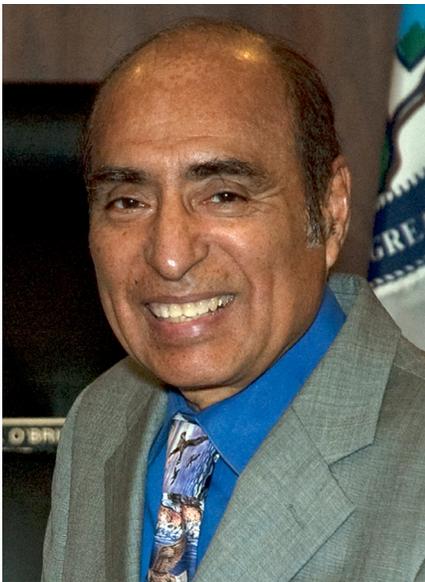


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Commissioner Frank Avila was elected to the MWRD Board of Commissioners in 2002 and re-elected in 2008 and 2014. One of his first jobs out of engineering school was at the MWRD, where he was inspired by the ambitious civil engineering projects that improved the health and environment of the greater Chicago area. Commissioner Avila started his own engineering company, Avila & Associates, Inc. but never forgot his early formative experiences working for the MWRD. After Commissioner Avila sold his successful company, he decided to lead a life of public service and return to the agency that started his career.

Commissioner Avila drives the MWRD to stay on the forefront of fiscally sound and environmentally forward policy. As Chairman of Finance, he continues to ensure that the MWRD maintains AAA/AA+ bond ratings, undertakes pension reform, creates local jobs and adds billions to the local economy. He guides the MWRD to be a leader in transforming stormwater management culture through the integration of green with gray infrastructure, flood-prone property acquisitions, regulation of development, and numerous regional and local flood control projects.

Commissioner Avila advocated the MWRD to adopt a policy to restrict the use of toxic pesticides and herbicides that pose a threat to the safety of human health and the environment from being used on MWRD land, as well as encouraging the MWRD to purchase and utilize more green and recycled products. Commissioner Avila has been a part of MWRD's evolution to prioritize clean water, nature-based solutions, watershed-based planning, resource recovery, energy conservation, community engagement, and good union jobs.

Born and raised on the near west side of Chicago, Commissioner Avila has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and a Master of Science in Finance from the University of Arizona, Tucson. With many years of experience as a Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor in the state of Illinois he understands the technical, environmental, and financial aspects of MWRD projects.

Among the awards he has received: Water Environment Federation 2015 Public Officials Award; Little Village Environmental Justice Organization 2015 Environmental Justice Champion Award; Illinois Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers 2012 Citizen Engineer of the Year Award; Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers 2013 President's Award. A dedicated public servant, Commissioner Avila and his wife, Sharilyn, have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

Recovering resources, transforming water.