

# James Lee Murphy, Esq.



Over 25 years in law and executive management; planning, funding, & implementation of regional water supply projects; based on science, sustainability & conservation for the future

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## Global Water Leader | Water Policy | Project Management | Legislation

### WORK EXPERIENCE & LEADERSHIP

May 2018-Present

Austin, Texas

#### Executive Director & General Counsel

America First Committee, PAC



##### Accomplishments

Legislative liaison, draft and negotiate water related legislation, Public Private Partnerships, Marine desalination..

December 2016-May 2018

Austin, Texas

#### Water Supply Planning

Halff Associates



##### Accomplishments

Successful Pursuit of TWDB State Flood Plan. One Water sustainability, P3 and water transport project funding.

January 2008-September 2016

Austin, Texas

#### Executive Director

Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority



##### Accomplishments

Managed operations, water resource planning and the agency's legislative agenda for public parks, regional water/wastewater facilities, hydroelectric facilities, & environmental compliance.

April 1992-January 2008

Austin, Texas

#### General Counsel and Director, Land Rights Acquisition & Management

Trinity River Authority of Texas



##### Accomplishments

Directed legislative, legal and regulatory matters affecting TRA. Secured water rights amendments to allow the Authority to provide service to industries. Developed an in-house employment and workers compensation practice, replaced condemnation with favorable settlements. Lead contact with legislature regarding water rights and quality, directed legislative support for the Authority and advised the Board of Directors regarding litigation legislation pending before the Texas Legislature.

April 1987-April 1992

Austin, Texas

#### Administrative Law Judge

Texas Water Comm. (now TCEQ)



##### Accomplishments

Presided over administrative trials in environmental, water and utility law. Authored Proposals for Decision and Commission Orders. Engaged in administrative rule making and the preparation of proposed legislation at the request of the State Legislature. General Counsel, Texas Water Well Drillers Board

1980-April 1992

NOLA, McAllen, Austin

### Prior Work History

Attorney at Law

##### Positions held

ALJ, Texas Department of Banking; Private practice of Law; Landman Attorney, CNG Producing Company, Chevron USA.

### EDUCATION

#### Juris Doctor

Tulane University School of Law

#### Bachelor of Arts Degree

Tulane University College of Arts & Sciences

#### Diploma

St. John's College High School - Military Prep

### PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Member, State Bar of Texas

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Texas Association of Groundwater Districts
- National Water Resources Association, Board/Committee Member
- Texas Water Conservation Association, Legal, Policy and Groundwater Committees
- South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L)
- AIAI P3 Water Implementation Committee
- GSA Bay & Basin Stakeholder Committee,
- GWI Global Water Leader - Desalination
- County Bar Association Fee Arbitration Committees - Bexar, Dallas, and Tarrant
- Simsboro Aquifer Defense Fund
- Multi-State Salinity Coalition - Member
- Dallas Area Rapid Transit Trial Board

### LANGUAGES

English Spanish Armenian

### CORE COMPETENCIES

*Public speaking and education.* Presented diverse topics at over 100 state and national trade and professional associations.

*Legislation.* Testimony at State & National Level on environmental legislation, author of Water Code Chapter 18 & other important legislation.