



## Merced Irrigation District Appoints New Risk Management Specialist

### *Mr. Daniel Aguilar Tasked With Employee Safety and Wellness*

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MERCED, CA – Merced Irrigation District announced the appointment today of Mr. Daniel Aguilar as Risk Management Specialist. He has more than 30 years experience in construction safety management and personnel development that will be of significant benefit to MID and those it serves.

In addition to his many years of work in civilian safety management, Mr. Aguilar is a retired Master Chief of the U.S. Navy and served with the Seabees Construction Battalions. At MID, he will be responsible for managing and developing programs to create a workplace free of injury and illness. He will additionally oversee MID's compliance with the rules and regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"As we strive to provide the best possible service to our community and our customers, it is absolutely essential that we have a healthy and well-trained workforce. Our employees and those served by MID deserve nothing less than the absolute best," said MID General Manager John Sweigard. "Mr. Aguilar brings a significant degree of experience in health and safety management that will be a tremendous benefit to both our employees and those who rely on our electricity, irrigation water and our recreation facilities on Lakes McClure and McSwain."

Among his many duties, Mr. Aguilar will coordinate the District's emergency preparedness plans, oversee accident and injury investigations, and conduct training related to workplace safety. He will report to Mrs. Jennifer Carter, Director of Administrative Services. Mrs. Carter oversees the District's Human Resources, Risk Management and Safety Program Departments.

"We are tremendously fortunate to have someone join MID with Mr. Aguilar's qualifications and experience," said Mrs. Carter. "He will be a welcome addition to our family of committed staff and employees."

Mr. Aguilar served in the Navy from 1981 to 2003. He went on to a seven-year career at Apex Painting, Inc. in Modesto, CA. There he served as the organization's Safety Director.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Leadership from Chapman University. He additionally is a certified OSHA 500 Outreach Instructor and Member of the National Safety Council.

"I look forward to joining the MID Team and the exciting challenges that lie ahead," said Mr. Aguilar.

Mr. Aguilar will begin work with MID on Feb. 7, 2011.

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