Terrie Bates

Water Resources

Terrie Bates joined the District in 1985 and has gained wide-ranging experience in environmental regulation, water supply, water quality, wetland mitigation, ecosystem restoration, applied science and watershed management issues. She directed a streamlining effort in environmental permitting to combine the state's surface water management, dredge & fill and sovereign submerged lands programs and to create the mitigation banking program.

Bates has held executive management responsibilities for overseeing the District's water shortage and drought response in 2006-2007 and again in 2011.

Born and raised in Palm Beach County, Bates received a Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources & Conservation from the University of Florida and a Master in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University.

Bates manages the agency's scientific focus on ecosystem and technology research, water quality monitoring and analysis, water supply planning and resource evaluations.