



Shelley Sorsabal, Vice President
AVEK Board of Directors
Division 1 - 2015



Director Shelley Sorsabal, a Palmdale resident and the current AVEK board vice president, won her Division 1 seat in the November 2014 election and she immediately took an active role on various agency committees. Currently she serves on the Finance and Budget, Personnel, Legal, Planning, and Water Bank Resources committees among others.

Shelley developed a prosperous career in local real estate sales, an industry she worked in for 30 years before retiring from that business in 2015. Now as an independent businesswoman running a small vineyard and handling property management, she encourages other women to become involved in their community and take an active role in the business world.

She served on the Palmdale City Council in the 1990s and was a director on the Palmdale Sheriff's Boosters board. Despite a busy schedule, she still finds time for volunteer projects and views that as one of the greatest gifts an individual can offer the public.

Shelley considers her work and volunteer experiences a solid foundation for her responsibilities on the AVEK board. She described her business acumen as helpful, adding that it contributes a needed dynamic on the board. But she noted that each of her board colleagues contributes a unique and valuable perspective to the success of the water agency.

Shelley explained that she was always interested in the water board, but prior to 2014 she didn't have the time commitment she deemed necessary for a productive board member. As the demands in her life decreased, she realized she could devote more time and effort to AVEK. She saw a way to apply her business knowledge for the benefit of the community. And she acknowledged enjoying the role of policy-making, always keeping in mind the significance of safe, clean reliable water sources.

She takes pride in the strides AVEK has made in water banking, stressing that water is a mainstay of life.

Shelley views the AVEK board as the perfect arena to express her interests and display her skills.

A Santa Monica native who grew up in Encino, Shelley moved to the Antelope Valley in 1982 with her late husband Brad. They came to the Valley for affordable housing and raised their two children in the community.

Shelley now enjoys spending any free time with her adult children and her three grandchildren.