



Adel Hagekhalil
General Manager

Adel Hagekhalil is general manager and chief executive officer for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the largest wholesale drinking water agency in the country. Metropolitan is a state-established cooperative that delivers water to 26 member public agencies, serving 19 million people across Southern California.

As general manager, Hagekhalil is responsible for leading Metropolitan's daily and long-term operations and planning to provide safe, reliable water to Southern California. He oversees Metropolitan's \$1.9 billion annual budget, 1,800 employees, and extensive system of conveyance, storage, treatment and delivery infrastructure.

Hagekhalil is a registered civil engineer and national board-certified environmental engineer, having earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Houston, Texas. Before joining Metropolitan, he was appointed in 2018 by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti to serve as the executive director and general manager of the city's Bureau of Street Services. His responsibilities included oversight of the management, maintenance and improvement of the city's network of streets, sidewalks, trees and bikeways. Hagekhalil also focused on climate change adaptation and multi-benefit integrated active transportation corridors.

Previously, he served nearly 10 years as assistant general manager of the Los Angeles' Bureau of Sanitation, led the city's wastewater collection system, stormwater and watershed protection program, water quality compliance, advance planning and facilities. He also helped develop the city's 2040 One Water LA Plan, an award-winning regional watershed approach to integrate water supply, reuse, conservation, stormwater management and wastewater facilities planning.

Hagekhalil is a member of the American Public Works Association as well as the Water Environment Federation, which recognized him in 2019 as a WEF Fellow for his contribution to enhancing and forwarding the water industry. He also served for more than a decade as a board member on the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, including a term as president.

Hagekhalil and his wife, Lubna, reside in Fullerton. They have three children.