

## Tom Scaglione's Bio

Tom Scaglione is an educator and administrator. At Palomar College, he is the coordinator for the Water and Wastewater Technology Program. He has been teaching accounting classes there since 1994. At Cal State University San Marcos, Tom teaches Finance and Organizational Development in the Water Management and Leadership Certificate Program. He is a frequent speaker for professional organizations at various conferences. Tom is recognized throughout the State as an expert in public water utility finance.

Tom has served as the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Finance Committee Chair, on the Executive Committee, and on the Board of Directors. ACWA is a non-profit statewide association of public water agencies whose 450 members are responsible for about 90% of the water deliveries in California. Tom was also the Chair of the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority Audit and Finance Committee.

In 2000, Tom started working for the Vallecitos Water District as a Senior Accountant, promoted to Finance Manager in 2002, and then Assistant General Manager / Chief Financial Officer in 2012. During the drought and recession, Tom lead Vallecitos out of financial difficulties with a strategy of "Bridge, Reform, and Transform," earning the District a credit rating upgrade and avoiding significant water rate spikes. After the Board turnover, Tom's efforts to avert the escalating deficits in developer funds caused by political favoritism failed. Without the respect of the Board majority, Tom resigned in 2018, and co-founded the Ratepayer Equity Coalition.

Before joining Vallecitos, Tom worked for local and regional public accounting firms, performing tax planning and preparation, and auditing and consulting work with an emphasis on local governments.

Tom is a CPA, earned a Master of Business Administration degree with an emphasis on government leadership from CSUSM, and his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on accounting from SDSU.