

## **Biography: Paul G. Brunner, P.E.**

TRLIA's Executive Director Paul Brunner, a professional engineer, leads the \$400 million effort to rapidly improve 29 miles of Reclamation District 784 and achieve 200-year flood protection in the South Yuba County area. Paul oversees all aspects of the levee improvement program (planning, permitting, environmental, design, construction, real estate, financial, community relations, and governmental interactions). A few highlights of Paul's work include two major ASCE award winning Setback Levees (2 mile setback on Bear River, and 6 mile setback on Feather River), creation of a levee O&M benefit assessment district, and FEMA accreditation of the TRLIA levee improvements.

Prior to joining TRLIA, Paul was employed by the United States Air Force from 1975 to his retirement in 2006. Significant Air Force positions:

- Senior Environmental Technical Expert for the Air Force Real Property Agency; provided environmental technical advice nationwide [2005 – 2006]
- Air Force Senior Environmental Representative for the Agency's Western Regional Office. In this capacity he oversaw the environmental programs at seven closed military installations, including McClellan, Mather, and Castle [2001 – 2005]
- From 1991 until McClellan closed in 2001, Mr. Brunner was the Director of Environmental Management, Sacramento Air Logistics Center, McClellan Air Force Base, California. As director, he led more than 100 environmental specialists and was responsible for more than \$50 million of environmental efforts per year [1991 – 2001]

From 1972 to 1975, Paul was a consulting engineer in San Diego. During this time, he worked on a variety of civil engineering projects that included hydrology designs, flood control studies, land development plans, and preparation of environmental documents (NEPA Environmental Impact Reports).

### **EDUCATION:**

- 1972 Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
- 1977 Post-graduate Environmental Studies, Sacramento State University, Sacramento, CA and University of California Davis Extension, Davis, CA

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:**

- 1974 Registered Professional Civil Engineer, California C24585
- 1974 Member, American Society of Civil Engineers #178516

### **SIGNIFICANT AWARDS AND HONORS:**

- 2006 Outstanding Civilian Career Federal Service Award
- 2001 Federal Service Exemplary Civilian Service Award
- 1998 Letter from Vice President Gore expressing appreciation for efforts made towards "Greening the Government"
- 1995 AFMC General Thomas D. White Individual Award for Environmental Quality

- 1994 Recognized by Engineering News Record as one Top 25 Newsmakers (innovative engineer) for the nation and abroad in the field of civil engineering
- 1987 California Air Force Association, Excellence in Management Award
- 1987 Certificate of Special Congressional recognition by Congressman Vic Fazio for outstanding and invaluable service to the community
- 1982 U.S. Air Force nominee for the America's Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Year Award
- 1980 Recognized by the Conference of Environmental Engineers as the Best Federal Government Environmental Engineer of the Year
- 1972 Recipient of the Rick Engineering Scholarship
- 1972 Top Civil Engineering Graduate at San Diego State University
- 1971 President of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society
- 1971 Member of Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society