

Press Release



Debra Kaye, PE

Debra Kaye, PE Assumes Role of President at V&A Consulting Engineers effective June 1, 2017

OAKLAND, CA, June 8, 2017. Company founder, José Villalobos, PE relinquishes the post after 38 years at the helm. José will continue with the firm in a more focused role as Chief Marketing Officer.

“I am delighted to turn the reins over to Debra,” says Villalobos. “She brings a wealth of experience and I have every confidence that she will be a valuable asset in leading the firm.”

Kaye is a licensed professional civil engineer and brings 30 years of diverse experience from the water and wastewater industries—as water treatment plant operator, design and planning engineer, water systems operations and maintenance manager, general manager, water and sewer infrastructure professional consultant, client services manager, and most recently as Vice President of NeoTech Aqua Solutions.

In 2015, Kaye joined V&A as Senior Project Manager and was promptly moved into the role of Southwest Regional Manager. Since Debra began managing the San Diego office, it has doubled in staff size and become a healthy contributor to V&A’s bottom line.

“Debra shares the vision, core values, and believes in our established corporate culture,” says Villalobos. “She has the track record of accomplishment and the necessary tools to take V&A to the next level.” I am certain her managerial experience, client relationships, and her knack for winning and executing large and complex projects will guide us forward.”

Kaye graduated from the University of Reno with a BS in Civil Engineering and is licensed in California and Nevada. Kaye also maintains her Water Treatment Plant Operator and Water Distribution Operator certifications. Debra has been very active with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) in many roles including a seat on the Board of Directors, as Vice President, as well as the Young Professionals and Sustainability Committees. She has also received several awards from the CA-NV Section of AWWA—Chair’s Award, George A. Elliott Memorial Award, and the Warren Fuller Award. Debra was also featured in the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) book “Changing Our World: True Stories of Women Engineers” published in February 2006.

"I am honored to take on this challenge and the 38-year legacy of this niche corrosion engineering firm," Kaye says. "It is so exciting to lead an extremely talented team dedicated to serving our client's infrastructure needs. Commitment to a quality work product, teamwork and profitability will ensure the future success of V&A."

About V&A Consulting Engineers

Headquartered in Oakland, CA and founded by José Villalobos, PE in May of 1979, V&A Consulting Engineers (V&A) began as a consulting firm providing responsive service and successful solutions focused on corrosion engineering specialized in evaluating, rehabilitating and preserving municipal infrastructure. V&A has since evolved into a multi-disciplined engineering organization concentrating on civil infrastructure—primarily in the fields of water, wastewater, and light rail transit. The firm employs 40 team members in four offices located in Oakland and San Diego, CA, Houston, TX, and Las Vegas, NV. V&A's engineering staff includes licensed professionals in civil, corrosion, chemical, mechanical, and structural.

V&A Service Lines

-  Corrosion Engineering
-  Condition Assessment
-  Coating Systems Management
-  Flow Monitoring
-  Odor Control
-  Asset Management
-  AC Interference Mitigation
-  Materials Selection & Design Audit

Firm Information

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