



John Mitnik

John Mitnik serves as the Assistant Executive Director and Chief District Engineer at the South Florida Water Management District. He works every day to restore South Florida's ecosystem, improve water quality, protect the region from flooding and ensure water supply for millions of Floridians.

The Assistant Executive Director oversees close to 1,000 staff who serve in divisions including Engineering and Construction, Ecosystem Restoration, Water Resources, Real Estate and Land Management, Field Operations, District Resiliency and Emergency Management.

His expertise in management, operations and policy have ensured optimal performance of all the Divisions he oversees. In addition, he successfully built innovative partnerships with leaders from federal, state, and local government as well as diverse stakeholders and environmental groups to deliver results and influence critical policy changes.

During his tenure as Assistant Executive Director, Mitnik has been instrumental in some of the most critical Everglades Restoration projects including the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project, C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area and Caloosahatchee (C-43) Reservoir. In addition, he managed and was responsible for implementing the District's Capital Improvement Program, which is vital to restoring and safeguarding our environment.

He implements strategic priorities set by the agency's Governing Board to carry out the agency's core mission and prioritizes science-based solutions to regional water quality challenges.

Mitnik manages around-the-clock water control operations and monitoring of the regional water management system and coordination with local entities. He also supervises the inspection and refurbishment of existing facilities, along with the design and construction of new projects and infrastructure.

Mitnik's appointment to Assistant Executive Director in 2019 followed a career that spans over 25 years dedicated to public service. He previously served as the Water Management District's Engineering and Construction Bureau Chief after working as a section administrator and a supervising engineer. Prior to joining the District in 2004, he worked as an environmental administrator and engineer for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Mitnik has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering from the University of Florida and an MBA specializing in Environmental Resource Management from Florida Atlantic University. He is a professional engineer registered in the State of Florida.