

## **Jim Gulliford, EPA Region 7 Administrator**

Jim Gulliford was appointed as the EPA Region 7 Administrator on October 12, 2017. Mr. Gulliford oversees environmental protection efforts in: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. He previously held the position of regional administrator for Region 7 from 2001-2006. He most recently held the position of executive director of the Soil and Water Conservation Society where he led the organization from 2009-2016. He was responsible for all operation aspects of the non-profit organization that advocated for conservation professionals and for science-based conservation practices, programs, and policy. The organization's mission is to foster the science and art of natural resource conservation on working land – land used to produce food, fiber, and other services that improve the quality of life people experience in rural and urban communities.

Prior to joining Soil and Water Conservation Society, Mr. Gulliford spent nearly a decade at EPA. From 2006-2009, he served as EPA assistant administrator for the Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances where he was responsible for helping protect public health and the environment from potential risks of pesticides and chemicals. Mr. Gulliford also served as director of the Division of Soil Conservation at the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for 15 years, where he was responsible for the development and management of soil conservation, water quality, and mine regulation for the state of Iowa.

## **Michael Teague, Secretary, Oklahoma Energy & Environment**



Michael Teague serves as Oklahoma's first Secretary of Energy and Environment.

Appointed in 2013, he is responsible for coordinating over 30 state agencies, boards, compacts, and commissions in advancing policies that encourage energy production and environmental stewardship throughout Oklahoma.

Prior to his appointment, Teague served in the U.S. Army for nearly 30 years before retiring with the rank of Colonel. As the commander of the Tulsa District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers he managed a civil works program encompassing all of Oklahoma, a large portion of southern Kansas and the panhandle of northern Texas. He oversaw over 700 employees in engineering, construction, and operations, with an annual budget of \$700 million.

Throughout his career, Teague has dealt with construction, power generation and distribution, water supply and flood control, and environmental impact studies. He has facilitated and negotiated numerous solutions involving federal and state agencies, tribes, and local stakeholders.

Teague received a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Norwich University. He also received master's degrees in Operations Analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School and in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.