

Bill Stretch has served as General Manager of the Fresno Irrigation District (FID) since 2019. He began working at FID in 1998 after graduating from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, with a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering with an emphasis on Water Resources. Prior to his role as General Manager, he started his career at FID as an entry-level engineer and served as Chief Engineer and Assistant General Manager.

Under Bill's leadership, FID serves customers across 250,000 acres, including prime farmland and the cities of Fresno and Clovis. He oversees 93 employees and ensures the effective management of 680 miles of canals and 1,300 acres of basins. Bill has been heavily involved in issues affecting FID's water supply, such as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and the ongoing fight to defend Kings River water rights. He represents FID as a member of the Kings Basin Water Authority, Kings River Water Authority, and Friant Water Authority.

Bill is a California native raised on an almond ranch in Madera, and currently resides on the family ranch where he enjoys spending time with his wife and three kids through his involvement in their sports, FFA, and 4–H activities.