



***Robert A. Parris, Director  
AVEK Board of Directors  
Division 5 – 2014***



Director Robert A. Parris, an attorney with the Parris Law Firm, represents Division 5 of the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency board. He was appointed to the board in March 2014 to fill a vacancy created when long-time Director Andy Rutledge retired. Then Robert ran for that seat in the November 2014 election and retained his board position.

As an AVEK board member, Robert serves on various committees including the Personnel, Legal and Joint Powers Insurance Authority; Planning; and Public Information among others. He also serves as chairman on the Antelope Valley Watermaster Board and chairman of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association, an alliance formed between AVEK, Palmdale Water District and Littlerock Creek Irrigation District.

In addition to his role on the AVEK board, Robert has been involved with other community activities such as the Antelope Valley Fair and Alfalfa Festival where, in 1994, then Governor Pete Wilson appointed him to the Antelope Valley 50<sup>th</sup> Agricultural District board – a position he held for eight years, serving two of those years as president. He also sits on Friends of the Fair board and the AV Fair Joint Powers Authority.

Robert was born in Lancaster California and spent his boyhood growing up in Palmdale. He graduated from Palmdale High School in 1971 and Antelope Valley College in 1975 before pursuing a career with the California Highway Patrol in 1978. He remained employed with CHP until 1993 when he retired as captain and commander of the Dispatch Center in Los Angeles. He then joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Reserve Program and retired as a deputy in 2015.

He furthered his education in the legal system, attending law school first at the University of California, Davis and finishing at Loyola Law School in downtown Los Angeles. He joined the Parris Law Firm in 1993 and formed his own firm, the Robert A. Parris Professional Corporation where he handles legal and mediation cases.