Richard Welsh, Principal Deputy Regional Director

Richard Welsh is Principal Deputy Regional Director of Bureau of Reclamation’s California-Great Basin Region, a federal agency under Department of the Interior that delivers water and power to California, Nevada, and the Klamath Basin.

Welsh was appointed principal deputy regional director in December 2019 and serves as the Region’s senior technical expert involved in strategic planning, program, and project implementation and operations.

Welsh began working for Reclamation in 1985 and has nearly 35 years of experience as a professional engineer. He managed the Region’s Design and Construction Office for 22 years and successfully coordinated the $1 billion Joint Federal Project at Folsom Dam, managed the execution of the $275 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act construction contracts and served as the Region’s construction representative for the Safety of Dams and Battle Creek Restoration programs.

Welsh earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Arizona State University and is a graduate from the Department of the Interior Senior Executive Service Development Program.