

Thomas Esqueda is currently serving as the Associate Vice President in Water and Sustainability at Fresno State University, a position established in 2018 to solidify the University's reputation as a national leader in applied research on water. Prior to this appointment, Esqueda established himself as a can-do leader in California, while serving four years as the Public Utilities Director for the City of Fresno. He tackled the job of implementing the \$1 billion Recharge Fresno project, a vision of then-Mayor Ashley Swearingin for making the City drought resilient through a future destined to be full of water challenges. Over his term, he essentially turned her vision into reality.

During his 26-year professional career, he has been successful in managing environmental engineering programs and projects for four of the largest consulting firms in the United States. While at Brown and Caldwell, he contributed to expanding its local government and management practice sector. Other government experience includes four years as the Director of Environmental Services for Wake County Government in Raleigh, North Carolina. While serving as the Director, he was appointed by the Governor of North Carolina to serve as a Commissioner for the State of North Carolina Sediment Control Commission. Mr. Esqueda has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from San Jose State University.