

Belinda Valles Faustinos

Affiliations

National Park System Advisory Board, Chair - Urban Committee & Co-Chair - American Latino Heritage Expert Scholars Panel

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Board Member

California Coastal Commissioner, Alternate

Independent Citizens Advisory Oversight Committee, Metro

City of Pico Rivera Redevelopment Agency Dissolution Oversight Board

Council for Watershed Health, Board Member

Robert Redford Conservancy Board of Friends, Pitzer College

San Gabriel River Discovery Center Foundation, Advisory Board

Ms. Faustinos was appointed as the Executive Officer of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), a California State Agency, in June of 2002. The primary charge of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy is to acquire and manage public lands within the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River watersheds, provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvements, wildlife and habitat restoration and protection. In addition to serving as the Executive Officer of the RMC she was also the Executive Officer of three joint powers entities, the Watershed Conservation Authority, the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority and the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority. She retired from these positions in May of 2011 after 40 years as a California State employee.

In September of 2016 Assembly Speaker Rendon appointed her to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar appointed her to the National Park System Advisory Board in 2010 and in November of 2011 as Co-Chair of the American Latino Heritage Expert Scholars Panel. In August of 2011 she was appointed by Senator Steinberg as an alternate California Coastal Commissioner. Her appointment to the National Park Service Advisory Board was extended in 2014 by Secretary Jewell. She serves on two local advisory committees as a Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor's appointee and on the board of several nonprofit organizations.

In May of 2012 she established her firm, BVF Consulting, Inc. and has one primary client, San Gabriel Mountains Forever (SGMF). She provides strategic advice to SGMF related to policy, communications, fundraising and outreach. As a result of the work of SGMF in October of 2014, President Obama designated portions of the San Gabriel Mountains as a National Monument. Her work with this coalition was instrumental in the formation of two new coalitions, one around transportation policy – EnviroMetro and the other for parks and open space – #OurParks LA where she serves as a member of their respective steering committees with a focus on policies related to multiple objective projects, regional mobility options for access to parks and social/environmental justice in Los Angeles County.

A native of southern California, Ms. Faustinos was born and raised in East Los Angeles, California. She obtained her bachelor's degree from Pitzer College in Claremont, CA in 1973. Over the years she has received honors and certificates of recognition from several federal, state and local legislators and has participated in many civic and professional organizations.