

Biography

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION



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Michael Montoya has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Western Area Power Administration since January 2019. In this role, he leads more than 200 technology team members managing both traditional and operational technology programs across a 15-state area. An integral member of WAPA's senior management team, Montoya serves as an advisor to the Administrator and CEO and other WAPA executives on information technology issues, improving business procedures and enabling cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection.

Montoya began at WAPA in 2008 as the Information Technology operations manager. From 2010 through 2017, he served as WAPA's manager for enterprise applications and vice president of information technology for enterprise applications. In these roles, he oversaw multiple upgrades of WAPA's financial system, played a major role in WAPA's migration to data centers in Phoenix and Folsom and was instrumental in the success of the Operations Consolidation Project.

Montoya began his federal career as a Navy officer, where he served as the CIO of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He also served as the CIO and Communications Officer for a Navy Field Hospital during Operation Iraqi Freedom, as the CIO of Naval Hospital Lemoore in California and as the Deputy CIO for Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton, California.

A native of Manassa, Colorado, Montoya holds a bachelor's of science degree in Computer Information Systems from Park College in Missouri, and a master's of science degree in Information Technology from the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California.