

Cedar Grove manager named Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission chairman

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Cedar Grove Township Manager Thomas Tucci Jr. has been reappointed chairman of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, a position he has held since 2015.

"It is an honor to serve as PVSC chairman," the Nutley resident, who has an extensive background in public works, said in a release.

"The agency is extremely fortunate to have dedicated and forward-minded commissioners," he said. "They have provided invaluable leadership as we continue to prepare for the future, while remaining responsive to our ratepayers."

Tucci praised the management and employees of the plant, which operates on a 24/7/365 basis.

Established in 1902, the PVSC began operating the Newark Bay Treatment Plant in 1924 to alleviate pollution in the Passaic River and its tributaries, according to its website. Major expansions, upgrades and renovations turned it into one of the nation's largest wastewater treatment plants.

The 140-acre plant serves 1.4 million New Jersey residents in 48 municipalities in Bergen, Passaic, Essex, Hudson and Union counties.



Luis Quintana is named vice chairman of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission. (Photo: Courtesy of Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission)

"Since the current board of commissioners has been working together, PVSC has consistently maintained among the lowest user charges in the United States," Tucci said.

The chairman could not be reached for further comment.

During the May 1 reorganization meeting, the commission also elected Newark Councilman Luis A. Quintana as vice chairman; Elizabeth Calabrese, treasurer; and Mildred C. Crump, secretary.

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