

James Andersen

Elected by the Retired Membership

James (Jim) Andersen was born and raised in Mendocino County. He attended San Diego State University where he received an undergraduate degree in Accounting and undertook graduate studies in Management. In addition, Jim has completed professional leadership training through the University of Oregon (Pacific Program), the IBM Executive Institute and others.

Jim served as the County Administrative Officer for Mendocino County for five years, and as the Assistant County Administrative Officer for Mendocino and Sonoma Counties for more than ten years, collectively. He also served as MCERA's first Retirement Administrator from 2008 to 2012. His total experience in local government, including public pensions, budget, finance and program evaluation and improvement, spanned twenty-five years. Jim was elected to the board in December of 2020 and has been appointed to assist on the Audit committee.

In addition to serving on the Board of Retirement, Jim is currently a member of the Adventist Health Ukiah Valley community board and a reading mentor with Schools of Hope (United Way). Previously, Jim applied his talents to numerous boards, including the Sonoma/Mendocino Counties Red Cross, North Coast Opportunities, and Saint Mary's school.