



Harry L. Hufford

Date in office: Sept. 4, 1974 - Jan. 7, 1985
Feb. 3, 1993 - Oct. 17, 1993 (Interim)

Harry L Hufford was appointed acting chief administrative officer by the Board of Supervisors in September 1974 and, after a nationwide search, was permanently appointed in January 1975. Beginning in March 1976, he also served as the County's director of personnel.

As CAO, Hufford was responsible for preparation and presentation of the County budget to the Board of Supervisors; administrative supervision of County departments; and management studies.

He was born October 24, 1931 in Schickshinny, Pennsylvania. He moved to Los Angeles at an early age and attended local schools. Hufford graduated with honors from UCLA in 1953 with a major in political science. He subsequently received a master of science degree from USC in public administration and completed 14 units at Loyola University Law School.

Joining Los Angeles County as an administrative trainee in the Chief Administrative Office in October 1953, the bulk of Hufford's career was spent with that department. He was on military leave from May 1954 to May 1956, serving with the U. S. Army.

Hufford advanced regularly within the Chief Administrative Office, taking time out in 1967 to serve for a brief time as acting assistant director in the Department of Public Social Services and was temporarily assigned to direct all aspects of the November 1970 general election.

After leaving Los Angeles County in 1985, he went into private practice with a Los Angeles-based law firm. In 1993 Hufford was called back into County service when he served as interim CAO from February to October. In 1994 he joined an investment banking firm. In the years that followed, he did some consulting work and was credited with saving the troubled Walt Disney Concert Hall construction project. Hufford helped bring down the construction costs and led a major fund-raising campaign. In 2000 he was hired as interim chief administrative officer for Ventura County and served for 15 months.

Hufford held memberships in the American Society for Public Administration as a past president of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Chapter; Alumni Association of the School of Public Administration, USC; Western Governmental Association; Pi Sigma Alpha, as a political science scholastic honorary; and the National Association of Counties. He was a recipient of the Harry Scoville Award of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

Hufford is married to Jan Pollard. He has two sons, Gary and Stephen, from a previous marriage.