

Craig D. Pedersen

Mr. Pedersen is the Texas Water Resource leader for the URS Corporation. He is the former Chief Executive Officer of the Texas Water Development Board, the state water data, planning, and infrastructure finance agency. In that position he implemented an innovative regional and statewide water resource planning process which featured a highly participatory “bottom up” process, culminating in 2002 Texas State Water Plan. Mr. Pedersen authored or was a key participant in four previous Texas State Water Plans. He has also been extensively involved with the drafting of much water planning and infrastructure financing legislation at the state and federal levels, including SB1 (the 1997 omnibus water legislation passed by the Texas Legislature) numerous Texas constitutional amendments, and the statutes to create a Texas disadvantage communities program (the so-called *Colonias Program*). He has also worked to implement much of the legislation upon which he worked. Mr. Pedersen also has extensive knowledge of state, inter-state, national, and international issues related to water and infrastructure finance and development, including Rio Grande Compact issues and the international and interstate water disputes on that river. He also chaired a major committee of the Council of Infrastructure Finance Authorities and has been an active participant in the Western States Water Council.