



BIOGRAPHY

Mario Garcia joined the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) in May 2021 as a Cybersecurity Advisor (CSA), and serves as the Cybersecurity State Coordinator (CSC) for California. In these roles, Mario will build strategic public and private sector relationships with state, local, tribal, and private sector entities, and serve as a principal point of contact to non-Federal entities interested in engaging with the Federal government to prepare, manage and respond to cybersecurity incidents.

Before joining CISA, Mario was the Deputy Commander/Acting Commander for the California Cybersecurity Integration Center. The multi-agency center is the hub of the state's cybersecurity activities, providing overarching strategy, information-sharing, cyber threat intelligence, risk assessment, warning, and incident response.

From 2015 to 2017, Mario served as the IT manager for the United States Property and Fiscal Office for California, overseeing Federal property, personnel, training and funds that supported 22,000 members of the California Army and Air National Guard.

Over the preceding 20 years, Mario worked in the California Army National Guard's Command, Control, Communications, and Computers ("J6") Directorate. In this capacity, he held several positions, including Network Operations and Security Center (NOSC) Manager, Telecommunications Manager, Application Development and Web Services Manager, and IT Logistics and Support Manager.

Mario is a Chief Warrant Officer Four (CW4) Senior Information Systems Technician in the California Army National Guard. He has 37 years of military experience in various career fields in information technology, operations, intelligence, and military police.

Mario served in Iraq from 2005 to 2006 as the theater Combat Service Support Automation Management Officer and was awarded the Army Meritorious Service Medal and received the Combat Action Badge.

Mario has a Master of Science degree in Computer Information Systems from the University of Phoenix.



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