

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda
November 20, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Teleconference Location: 12540 Grand Island Road
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

- 1. Call to Order, Flag Salute, Invocation and Roll Call**
- 2. Statement Regarding Teleconferencing**
-This meeting is also being held at a Teleconference Location which has been identified on the agenda.
- 3. Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda**
- 4. Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Board at this time concerning items relating to any matter within the Agency's jurisdiction. To comment on specific agenda items, please complete a speaker's request form and hand it to the board secretary.
- 5. Consent Calendar:** If any board member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it will be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, November 6, 2017* (p. 3)
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, November 13, 2017* (p. 9)
- 6. Reports:**
 - A. General Manager's Report
 1. Operations Report
 2. General Agency Updates
 - B. General Counsel Report (p.11)
 - C. Directors' Reports
- 7. New Business:**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Amendments to ACWA's Bylaws* (p. 13)
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Election of ACWA President and Vice President * (p. 41)
- 8. Topics for Future Agendas**
- 9. Announcements:**
 - A. Office closed November 23rd & 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday
 - B. Finance and Budget Workshop, November 27, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
 - C. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance, November 29, 2017
 1. Regular Meeting at 5:00 p.m. – Banning City Hall
 - D. Regular Board Meeting, December 4, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

10. Closed Session (2 Items)

- A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Potential transfer of State Water Project rights/supplies among
State Water Project Contractors
Agency negotiator: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Negotiating parties: Dudley Ridge Water District, Dale Melville, Manager-Engineer
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

- B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
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Property: Potential water rights/supplies offers from the City of Ventura
Agency negotiator: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Negotiating parties: Lynn Takaichi
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

11. Adjournment

***Information included in Agenda Packet**

(1) Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Board of Directors after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the Agency's office at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont during normal business hours. (2) Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Board less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection at the Agency's office, located at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the Agency's Internet Web site, accessible at: www.sgpwa.com (3) Any person with a disability who requires accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should telephone the Agency (951 845-2577) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting in order to make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation.

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
November 6, 2017

Directors Present: David Fenn, President
Ron Duncan, Vice President
Lenny Stephenson, Treasurer
Blair Ball, Director
David Castaldo, Director
Stephen Lehtonen, Director
Michael Thompson, Director

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Tom Todd, Jr., Finance Manager
Jeff Ferre, General Counsel
Cheryle Rasmussen, Executive Assistant

1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute, Invocation, and Roll Call:** The meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by Board President Fenn at 1:30 p.m., November 6, 2017 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. President Fenn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Ball gave the invocation. A quorum was present.
2. **Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda:** *President Fenn asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. There being none, the Agenda was adopted as presented.*
3. **Public Comment:** *President Fenn asked if there were any members of the public that wished to make a public comment within the jurisdiction of the Agency that is not on today's Agenda. No members of the public commented.*
4. **Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, October 16, 2017
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Budget Workshop, October 23, 2017
 - C. Approval of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, October 23, 2017

Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Duncan, to adopt the consent calendar as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Reports:

A. General Manager's Report:

(1) Operations Report: (a) SWP Water Deliveries: The Agency delivered a total of 1404 acre-feet to the Noble Creek Connection, for the month of October (an average of 23 cfs). The Agency has delivered a little over 13,000 acre-feet of water so far this year; this is a record for the Agency and there are still two months left in this year. It is anticipated that the Agency will deliver around 16,000 acre-feet this year to our three customers. Carry over water will come in to about 4000 acre-feet, due to the CLAWA transfer and Nickel water and 85% Table A water allocation.

(2) General Agency Updates: **(a) Oroville Reservoir:** DWR met its deadline for the reconstruction of the collapsed Oroville Dam spillway by November 1st. **(b) Southern California Water Committee Summit:** A flyer for the SCWC Summit has been provided to each board member. The Summit will be held here at the Agency on November 17th; the subject matter is the California WaterFix. **(c) East Branch Extension:** A dedication ceremony will take place possibly in early January. DWR, SBVMWD and SGPWA will be hosting the event. The location will be at Citrus Pump Station; more information on the event will be available in the near future. **(d) DWR Allocation:** DWR's contract states that the initial allocation has to be made available to SWC by December 1st. No word yet as to what that allocation might be. **(e) SGPWA Board Meeting Schedule:** President Fenn and General Manager Davis had some discussion on the December meeting calendar, as it stands the Finance and Budget meeting would take place on December 25th. It is suggested to cancel the second Board meeting of the month and to hold the Finance and Budget meeting on December 18th; the Board was in agreement with the changes.

B. General Counsel Report: General Counsel Ferre deferred from reporting.

C. Directors Reports: **(1) Director Lehtonen** reported that he attended the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce meeting on November 3rd. The guest speaker was Lance Christiansen, Calif. Dept. Tax & Fee Administration. **(2) Director Lehtonen** reported that he attended the Banning Special City Council Meeting (Open House) on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. **(3) President Fenn** reported that the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee met on October 23rd.

6. New Business:

A. Public Hearing for Ordinance 15, Increasing the Number of Days per Month which will be Eligible for Director Compensation, Restating the Current Amount of Compensation, and Updating Compensation Guidelines: A staff report, a legal Notice of Public Hearing, and three written public comments were included in the agenda packet; in addition nine additional written public comments were received after the Agenda was posted, all of which were provided to the Board and made available to the public. General Counsel Ferre briefly reviewed the staff report. President Fenn opened the Public Hearing at 1:44 p.m. to receive oral comment. Five members of the public spoke in opposition. President Fenn asked if there were any other public comments, there being none he closed the Public Hearing comments at 1:50 p.m.

B. Discussion and Possible Action onr Ordinance 15, Increasing the Number of Days per Month which will be Eligible for Director Compensation, Restating the Current Amount of Compensation, and Updating Compensation Guidelines: President Fenn asked for Directors comments. Director Stephenson expressed his rationale as to why additional meetings are needed, citing how he was able to come back to the Board and educate them on the importance of a much needed revised investments strategy. Because of this action the Agency has increased investment revenues by \$300k. In addition, he personally brought back a

potential water purchase deal. Director Lehtonen expressed the importance of getting an education, stating that water is a very complicated issue. He is mostly concerned that the Directors have as much knowledge and education as possible in order to make better decisions. Director Thompson is most concerned about the region and the taxpayer. He stated that his fear is based on future board members taking advantage and misusing the additional meetings in order to increase their pay. Director Ball stated that there must have been a basis for the prior board members only allowing for five paid meetings, he believes that five meetings are sufficient. He was opposed to have three additional meeting at a cost of an additional \$9k per board member, per year. He pointed out that the taxpayers that are here today are voicing their opinion asking us not to have additional meetings and are opposed to Ordinance 15. President Fenn answered a member of the public's question on what is the policy and process is on how the board members are paid. In addition, he stated that the Board has had several discussions on this particular issue. During the discussions there was general support from the board members to have eight meetings as opposed to ten. President Fenn stated that he felt that an additional three meetings would be used towards education and attending water related conferences. The thought process was if we provide an incentive to attend the Directors would attend and be a better member of the Board. Also, he has attended both water and city meetings where in his perception staff would report and give direction and the board members were not educated enough to ask questions. His reason for suggestion additional meetings is that directors get educated, understand the facts, and have a second opinion. He stated that he appreciated the comments that were given today and that he considered it very important. He asked the Board for additional comments. Directors Lehtonen, Thompson, Duncan, and Ball made additional comments. President Fenn stated that he has an additional request for public comments. General Counsel Ferre stated that should the Board wish to reopen public comment, then that reopens the public comment hearing. Director Castaldo made a motion, seconded by Director Ball, to reopen the public comment portion of the meeting. President Fenn reopened Public Comment at 2:32 p.m., four members of the public provided comment. President Fenn closed Public Comment at 2:42. Director Castaldo made additional comment on why he was in favor of having the board member having the ability to attend as many meetings as they can as it is advantageous. Director Ball provided additional comment as to why Ordinance 15 should not be adopted. Director Lehtonen made a motion, seconded by Director Castaldo to adopt Ordinance 15. President Fenn requested a roll call vote.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Noes</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Director Stephenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Castaldo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Duncan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President Fenn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion failed 4-3.

C. Discussion and Possible Action on Award of Construction Contract for Construction of Mountain View Connection and Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility: A staff report was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis reported to the Board that he conducted a mandatory pre-bid conference; of which four contractors attended. At the actual bidding, only two contractors provided a bid. One of the four contractors was disqualified, as he was late to the pre-bid meeting. The fourth contractor could not get a bid in as they had computer issues. The lower bid was about \$4 million, the higher bid came in at \$6.1 million. Staff believes that at least three bids are required in order to provide sufficient competition and to gain information on the true cost of a project. Staff recommends that the Board reject all bids received on October 26th, and rebid the project in an attempt to get a more favorable price for the proposed work. Staff will change the energy dissipation structure drawings and specifications. Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Thompson, to reject the bid and to re-bid the project. General Manager Dan Jaggars (BCVWD) spoke on the Agency using BCVWD recharge ponds. Director Ball stated that he is in favor of rejecting all bids, but he is not in favor of going out to re-bid immediately. He stated that there are some other understandings that need to be addressed such as seepage. President Fenn asked for a vote. Motion passed 6-1, with Director Ball opposed.

C. Discussion of Potential Methods of funding Future Water Supplies: A staff report was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated during past discussions the focus has only be on two primary sources of revenue to fund water supplies. The first one being a capacity fee on new development and the other is an increase in the water rate. Staff is providing this report to inform the Board that the Agency has other powers granted to it by the Legislature that it could use to fund additional water supplies. These other methods are not necessarily recommended, but will give the board members a full picture as to different funding methods. General Manager Davis provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Funding Methods for New Water Supplies. Within the presentation were a number of financial “tools” that it can use to pay for new water supplies. These ‘tools” include the following:

- A single-component capacity fee for long-term water supplies.
- A two-component capacity fee that would pay for interim supplies as well as a permanent supply (if it can be found).
- The water rate charged to retail water customers.
- Withdrawals from reserves.
- General fund tax revenues.
- State Water Project tax (if new supplies emanate from the State Water Project).
- Creation of a standby charge for the entire service area or various Improvement Districts within the service area.
- Creation of new Improvement Districts, along with a water rate or standby charge, that would place the burden of funding new supplies on newly developed areas.

Alternatively, the Board could choose to not fund any additional water supplies at all. The Board needs to decide what funding mechanism works best for the Agency, for our region, and our retail water customers. A decision does not need to be made right away. Should the Board wish to implement a capacity fee staff needs to know what to include in the fee to either revise the existing Nexus Study or start from scratch on the Nexus Study. Should the Board wish to implement some other mechanism, again staff will need direction. This is a decision that does not need to be made right away. This is a decision that will impact this Agency, taxpayers, and retail water customers. President Fenn called upon Jeff Chambers (Pardee Homes) for his comments. He asked that the Board look into new data, citing that new development use of water is now significantly less than what was reported in the last Nexus Study, as new homes are being built with drought resistant planting and water conserving plumbing. Director Lehtonen asked Mr. Chambers to prepare a summary of new development water use. President Fenn called upon Dan Jaggars for his comments. Additional comments were provided by the public. Discussion then took place between the Board members on this issue. President Fenn closed discussion on this item with no action taken and no specific direction given to staff.

7. Topics for Future Agendas: None.

8. Announcements:

- A. Office closed November 10, 2017 in observance of Veterans Day
- B. Engineering Workshop, November 13, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, November 20, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

President Fenn requested a break at 4:13 p.m.

9. Closed Session (Three Items)

Time: 4:23 p.m.

- A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8
Property: Potential water rights/supplies offers from the Priest Valley Cattle Company
Agency negotiator: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Negotiating parties: Ceil Howe
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment
- B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Potential transfer of State Water Project rights/supplies among State Water Project Contractors
Agency negotiator: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Negotiating parties: Dudley Ridge Water District, Dale Melville, Manager-Engineer
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8

Property: Potential water rights/supplies offers from the City of Ventura

Agency negotiator: Jeff Davis, General Manager

Negotiating parties: Lynn Takaichi

Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

The meeting reconvened to open session at 5:41 pm.

General Counsel Ferre stated that there was no action taken during closed session that is reportable under the Brown Act.

10. Adjournment

Time: 5:43 pm

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Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board

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1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Engineering Workshop
November 13, 2017

Directors Present: David Fenn, President
Blair Ball, Director
Ron Duncan, Director
Steve Lehtonen, Director
Leonard Stephenson, Director
Michael Thompson, Director

Directors Absent: David Castaldo, Director

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Steve Anderson, representing General Counsel

1. Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call. The Engineering workshop of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by Director Duncan at 1:30 p.m., November 13, 2017 in the Agency Board room at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Director Stephenson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.

2. Public Comment. No members of the public wished to speak at this time.

3. Discussion of Long-Term Water Supply Plan. General Manager Davis reviewed a graph of potential long-term water supplies and water demand projections, and passed copies of the graph out to Board members. He noted that this represented a snapshot in time, and that this graph could be different one or two months from now. He indicated that this was a simplified version of a real long-term water supply plan in that it did not consider wet year yields and dry year yields—only average year supply and demand. He also noted that obtaining additional water supplies has not proved to be the most challenging task for the Agency, that developing a funding plan to pay for new supplies is proving far more challenging, and likely will in the future as well. The Board discussed the graph and asked General Manager Davis questions, especially related to the shape of the graph after 2040. He projected that the demand curve will begin to flatten by that time, with a slower level of overall growth. He suggested that projected land use, and not population projections, is a better indicator of future water demands.

4. Discussion on Developing Better Communication with Retail Water Agencies and their Managers. Director Thompson began the discussion by emphasizing his belief that regular meetings with the General Manager and managers of local retail water agencies is important to the long-term water supply future of the region, as these parties can work together to develop a long-term funding plan for new water supplies. He stated that the Agency still lacks good communication, and that the Board needs many advisors. He suggested that the Agency can best lead by listening to others and talking to them. The Board discussed this subject and suggested that all managers should be transparent in reports back to their respective boards regarding the outcome of such meetings. The Board gave general direction to General Manager to begin such meetings in the new year.

5. Announcements

- A. Regular Board Meeting, November 20, 2017 at 1:30 pm.
- B. Office closed November 23rd and 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday
- C. Finance and Budget Workshop, November 27, 2017 at 1:30 pm.

6. Closed Session (1 item) Time: 2:31 pm

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
Name of case: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency vs. Beaumont Basin
Watermaster, Riv. Superior Court Case No. RIC 1716346

The meeting reconvened to open session at 3:54 pm.

General Counsel Steve Anderson announced that the Board considered the item noted on the agenda and had authorized him to file a Notice of Appeal for the subject item.

7. Adjournment

Director Duncan adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm.

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Jeff Davis, Secretary to the Board

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Memorandum

To: President and Members of the Board
San Geronio Pass Water Agency

From: Jeffrey F. Ferre, General Counsel
Best Best & Krieger LLP

Date: November 20, 2017

Re: General Counsel Report - Board of Directors Meeting – November 20, 2017

State Water Resources Control Board Notice Of Proposed Permanent Regulations To Prevent Waste And Unreasonable Use

On November 21, 2017, the State Board will conduct a public workshop on proposed regulations which would establish permanent prohibitions on wasteful water uses. Up until this point, the State Board has adopted temporary emergency regulations based on a series of emergency drought declarations from the Governor. After the public workshop, the State Board, at a subsequent meeting, will consider adoption of the regulations. These prohibitions address the same types of wasteful water practices that have been addressed in the past. Issues regarding mandates or rules for water purveyors to adopt budget-based tiered rates, and other related issues, will be the subject of future legislation and/or regulation. The prohibitions are summarized below:

1. Individuals shall not:

- Irrigate outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff;
- Use a hose to wash a vehicle, except where the hose has a shut-off nozzle;
- Apply potable water directly to driveways and sidewalks;
- Use potable water in a fountain, except in the case of a recirculating system;
- Irrigate turf/ornamental landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall;
- Serve drinking water, other than upon request, in eating and drinking establishments;
- Irrigate turf on public street medians.



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2. Penalties for particular entities:

Any HOA violating Civil Code Section 4735 is an infraction punishable by a fine up to \$500/day for each day the violation occurs. Section 4735 provides, in part, as follows:

(a) A provision of the governing documents or architectural or landscaping guidelines or policies shall be void and unenforceable if it does any of the following:

(1) Prohibits, or includes conditions that have the effect of prohibiting, the use of low water-using plants as a group or as a replacement of existing turf.

(2) Prohibits, or includes conditions that have the effect of prohibiting, the use of artificial turf or any other synthetic surface that resembles grass.

(3) Has the effect of prohibiting or restricting compliance with either of the following: a water-efficient landscape ordinance; or any regulation or restriction on the use of water adopted pursuant to the Water Code.

Any city or county violating Government Code Section 8627.7 is an infraction punishable by a fine up to \$500/day for each day the violation occurs. Section 8627.7 provides, in part, as follows:

(a) During a period for which the Governor has issued a proclamation of a state of emergency based on drought conditions, a city or county shall not impose a fine under any ordinance for a failure to water a lawn or for having a brown lawn.

3. Requirements on hotels and motels:

Hotels/motels shall provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily. The hotel/motel shall prominently display notice of this option in each room.

TO: ACWA Members: General Managers and Board Presidents
CC: ACWA Board of Directors
FROM: Timothy Quinn, ACWA Executive Director
DATE: October 11, 2017
SUBJECT: General Session Membership Meeting at ACWA 2017 Fall Conference

There will be a General Session Membership Meeting at the 2017 Fall Conference in Anaheim, California, on Wednesday, November 29. The meeting will be held in the Platinum Ballroom 1-6, Marriott Anaheim, at 1:20 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to formally nominate and elect ACWA's President and Vice President for the 2018-2019 term and to conduct a vote by the membership on proposed amendments to ACWA's Bylaws as recommended by the Board of Directors at its meeting on September 29, 2017.

Election of President/Vice President

The ACWA Nominating Committee has announced a 2018-2019 slate that recommends current **Vice President Brent Hastey for ACWA President** and current **Federal Affairs Committee Chair Steven LaMar for ACWA Vice President**. As provided by ACWA's Bylaws (Article 9, Section 9) nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the vote. Such nominations and seconds must be supported by a resolution of the governing body of the member agency making and seconding such nomination. **(See attached for General Session/Election Procedures.)**

Proposed Amendments to ACWA's Bylaws

As part of the ongoing efforts to ensure ACWA's Bylaws are current and reflect consistency with other governance documents and daily operations, the Board of Directors is recommending several amendments to the bylaws for consideration by the membership. A Legal Affairs Committee (LAC) Workgroup reviewed the proposed amendments and provided an analysis pursuant to ACWA's Bylaws (Article 9, Section 8).

Following is a list of the proposed amendments to the bylaws along with the rationale for the change and the LAC Workgroup's analysis.

Article 7 – Standing Committees

1. **Section 4. Committee Composition.** Each limited standing committee shall have a membership composition that is comprised of members in the quantity and with qualifications as defined by the provisions of these bylaws. The committee chair position shall not be included in the maximum count for determining the committee composition total of any given limited committee. The committee chair shall, however, be a voting member of their respective committee subject to the rules and procedures of each committee.

Rationale: Staff is recommending this amendment to the bylaws to allow the President flexibility in appointing members to limited standing committees and to provide an odd number committee composition total.

LAC Workgroup Analysis: The proposed revision is clear and meets its intended purpose.

2. **Committee Composition Terms in Sections 5 through 17.**

Rationale. Staff noted that the use of the term “individual” versus “representative” (and one instance of “member”) was inconsistent throughout the committee composition description for each of the standing committees in Article 7. Staff asked the LAC Workgroup to review Section 1, Qualifications, as well as each of the committee descriptions to make a determination as to which term best applies for all of the committees for purposes of consistency throughout Article 7.

LAC Workgroup Analysis: Reading of the various ACWA committee sections suggests that “Member” would be the most appropriate word for consistency throughout the bylaws. However, the use of a single term, may require some minor revisions to surrounding text for clarity (for an example see Section 15 (State Legislative Committee) where “member” is separately used to denote a “member agency” and so would need to state “member-agency” consistently to accommodate the more general use of “member” throughout the bylaws).

Staff Response: Staff revised the terms in the committee section descriptions (Sections 5 through 17) to “member” for consistency and the surrounding language where needed in response to the LAC Workgroup’s analysis. **(See attached bylaws for proposed amendments to these sections.)**

3. **Section 5. Agriculture Committee.** There shall be an Agriculture Committee whose duty it shall be to recommend Association policy, positions and programs to the Board of Directors, State Legislative Committee, Federal Affairs Committee or other committees, as appropriate, regarding agricultural issues affecting the interests of ACWA and its members. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each region.



Rationale: The 2016-2017 Business and Strategic Plan initiative to increase involvement and engagement from ACWA’s agricultural members has successfully generated momentum amongst ACWA’s agricultural members and a renewed attention to and involvement in key policy issues that uniquely affect agricultural water suppliers. Amidst this success, a concern has arisen that the momentum could be lost once the Board of Directors finishes its current term and the initiative sunsets. This concern has sparked the suggestion that ACWA should consider creating an Agriculture Committee as the thirteenth standing committee of the Association to continue the objectives of the Ag Initiative long-term.

LAC Workgroup Analysis: The proposed revision is clean and meets its intended purpose.

4. **Section 12. Legal Affairs Committee.** There shall be a Legal Affairs Committee whose duty it shall be to support the mission of the Association, and more particularly to deal with requests for assistance involving legal matters of significance to members of the Association agencies, including but not limited to state and federal court litigation, water rights matters, selected regulatory and resources agency matters, proposed bylaw revisions, review of legislation as requested by the State Legislative Committee, etc. The committee shall consider matters and issues submitted to it in order to determine which ones are of major significance to the members of the Association agencies and, assuming a finding of major significance, recommend to the Board of Directors the position(s) which the committee believes the Association should take with respect thereto. The committee shall be composed of between ~~35~~ 34 and ~~45~~ 44 attorneys, each of whom shall be a member of the California Bar and shall be, or act as, counsel for a member of the Association agency, representing diverse interests within the Association, including but not limited to, different geographical areas throughout the state, large and small agencies, agricultural and urban agencies, agencies created under the various enabling statutes, etc. ~~Further, there shall be at least one representative from each region on the committee.~~ The committee shall consist of a least one member from each region.

Rationale: Change the committee composition range so there is a resulting odd number total when the chair is added.

LAC Workgroup Analysis: Considered together with the general change in Section 4, Committee Composition, above, this change accomplishes its purposes and maintains the current overall LAC membership numbers.

Article 9 – Meeting of Members

5. **Section 8. Amendments, Revisions, and Resolutions.** Before any amendments or revisions to the bylaws, or resolutions, may be considered at any meeting of the Association, any such amendment, revision, or resolution shall be submitted to the executive director/secretary at least ~~30~~ 90 days prior to the first day of such meeting. The executive director/secretary shall promptly distribute any

proposed amendments or revisions to the Legal Affairs Committee for the Legal Affairs Committee to develop an unbiased analysis of the amendments or revisions. Following development of an analysis for the proposed amendments or revisions, the executive director/secretary shall distribute copies of any resolutions, amendments or revisions, including any applicable analyses, to all members of the Association ~~at least five~~ not less than 10 days or more than 90 days prior to presentation at such meeting. The written notice of the membership meeting shall be given to each voting member of the Association consistent with the provisions defined in Section 3. The ~~30~~90-day rule may be suspended at any meeting of the Association by consent of three-fourths of the members present. Voting on resolutions, amendments, or revisions shall proceed as provided by Sections ~~3~~5 and ~~4~~6 of this Article.

Rationale: Staff recommended that the deadline for submitting requests for amendments, revisions, and resolutions be changed from 30 to 120 days prior to any membership meeting to provide the Legal Affairs Committee sufficient time to review and develop the required analysis and for staff to provide adequate notice to the members as set forth in Article 9, Sections 3 and 4 of the bylaws. **Note: Staff typically notifies ACWA members at least 45 days prior to a given membership meeting to allow the member agency boards adequate time to designate their authorized voting representative.**

LAC Workgroup Analysis: This proposed revision is clear and meets its intended purpose. However, workgroup members did express some concern that the 120-day submission requirement may unduly limit the Association's ability to quickly respond to state or federal legislative or administrative acts appropriately. A supermajority of the Association may vote to suspend the requirement, however, it may be advisable to require only 90-days for submission while retaining the general Association distribution timing of no later than 10-days and no earlier than 90-days prior to presentation at an Association meeting.

Staff Response: Staff revised the proposed amendment to state 90 days instead of 120 days in response to the LAC Workgroup's analysis.

The Board of Directors recommends adoption of the proposed amendments to ACWA's Bylaws through a vote of the membership.

Webinar on Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

ACWA staff is hosting a webinar on **Tuesday, November 7, at 10:00 a.m.** in advance of the membership meeting to answer any questions members may have pertaining to the proposed amendments to the bylaws. Please register for the webinar at the link listed below:

Please register for Bylaws Webinar on Nov 07, 2017 10:00 AM PST at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/18153322847132675>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Membership Voting Process

ACWA will issue each member agency **present** one proxy card for voting purposes based on the designated voting representative identified by the member agency on the proxy designation form. The designated voting representative is required to register and sign as the proxy holder to receive the proxy card. Proxy cards will **only** be available for pick-up on **Wednesday, November 29**, between **9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.** at the **ACWA General Session Desk** in the main foyer outside of the **Marquis Ballroom Center, Marriott Anaheim**. The luncheon and General Session Membership Meeting will be held in the Platinum Ballroom 1-6.

To expedite the sign-in process at the **ACWA General Session Desk**, please indicate your voting delegate on the enclosed proxy designation form and return it by email (**donnap@acwa.com**) or fax (**916-325-4857**) at your earliest convenience prior to conference. If there is a last minute change of delegate, please let us know before the meeting date by contacting ACWA's Clerk of the Board, Donna Pangborn, at 916-441-4545 or donnap@acwa.com.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at the ACWA office at 916-441-4545 or donnap@acwa.com.

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Enclosures:

1. General Session/Election Procedures
2. Proposed ACWA Bylaws Amendments – Redline Version
3. Proxy Designation Form

The following information is provided to inform the ACWA member agency delegates attending the 2017 Fall Conference of the procedures to be used pertaining to the nomination and election of ACWA officers and the vote by the membership on proposed amendments to the bylaws during the General Session Membership Meeting.

PROXY CARDS – (REQUIRED FOR VOTING)

ACWA will issue each member agency **present** one proxy card for voting purposes based on the designated voting representative identified by the member agency. In order to vote during the General Session Membership Meeting, the designated voting representative is required to register and sign as the proxy holder by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29. Upon registration and sign-in, the voting delegate will receive the required proxy cards. Proxy cards will be available for pick-up on **Wednesday, November 29, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.** at the ACWA General Session Desk in the main foyer outside of the **Marquis Ballroom Center, Marriott Anaheim**. The luncheon and General Session Membership Meeting will be held in the Platinum Ballroom 1-6.

GENERAL SESSION MEMBERSHIP MEETING, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29 (DOORS OPEN AT 1:05 P.M.)

1. The General Session Membership Meeting will be called to order at 1:20 p.m. and a quorum will be determined. The presence of 50 authorized voting representatives is required to establish a quorum for transacting business.
2. Legal Affairs Committee Chair Jeni Buckman will provide an overview of the agenda and election procedures.
3. Nominating Committee Chair John Coleman will present the committee's report and announce the candidate for ACWA President.
4. President Kathy Tiegs will call for floor nominations for ACWA President.
5. If there are no floor nominations for President, the election will proceed. President Tiegs will close the nominations and delegates will vote by holding up their "Yes" or "No" proxy voting cards.
6. If there are floor nominations for President, the nomination will follow the procedures established by Article 9 of ACWA's Bylaws, stating floor nominations and seconds must be supported by a resolution of the governing body of the member agency making and seconding such nomination. **Note: If there are floor nominations, the election of officers will proceed during Wednesday's General Session as outlined below and the proposed bylaws amendments will move to the Thursday General Session Membership Meeting as outlined in item 12 below.**
 - a. Ballots will be distributed to the voting delegates.
 - b. Delegates will complete their ballots and place them in the ballot box, which will be centrally located in the Platinum Ballroom 1-6 meeting room.
 - c. Tellers' Committee will count the ballots. President Tiegs has appointed the following staff members to serve as the Tellers' Committee: Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn; Director, Business Development & Events Paula Currie; and Executive Assistant Lili Vogelsang.
 - d. Legal Affairs Committee Chair Jeni Buckman will serve as the proctor to oversee the ballot counting process.
 - e. Candidates are welcome to designate an observer to be present during the ballot counting process.
 - f. Results of the ballot count will be announced. Election of ACWA's officers will be determined by a majority of the members present and voting. If any one candidate does not receive a majority of the vote, successive ballot counts will be conducted until a candidate is elected, consistent with Robert's Rules of Order.

7. Nominating Committee Chair John Coleman will announce the candidate for ACWA Vice President.
8. President Kathy Tiegs will call for floor nominations for ACWA Vice President.
9. If there are no floor nominations for Vice President, the election will proceed. President Tiegs will close the nominations and delegates will vote by holding up their "Yes" or "No" proxy voting cards.
10. If there are floor nominations for Vice President, the nominations will follow the procedures described in item 6 above, and the election will proceed according to the steps outlined in 6.a. through 6.f.

IF THERE ARE NO FLOOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, THE WEDNESDAY GENERAL SESSION MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL PROCEED WITH A VOTE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS.

11. Legal Affairs Committee Chair Jeni Buckman will provide an overview of the proposed amendments to the bylaws.
 - a. Consideration of amendments to the bylaws.
 - b. Request for motion / second from the floor to approve the proposed amendments to the bylaws.
 - c. Discussion of proposed amendments.
 - d. Opportunity for members to offer changes to proposed amendments to the bylaws. Any proposed changes to the bylaw amendments as currently proposed require a **majority vote of the voting members present**.
 - e. Call for the question. A two-thirds vote of the members present and voting is required to amend the ACWA Bylaws.

IF THERE ARE FLOOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, THE OVERVIEW AND VOTE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS WILL BE TAKEN UP AT THE GENERAL SESSION MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON THURSDAY AS FOLLOWS.

12. The vote by the membership on the proposed amendments to the bylaws will occur at the Thursday, General Session Membership Meeting, at the Platinum Ballroom 1-6, Anaheim Marriott, at 1:20 p.m.
 - a. The General Session Membership Meeting will be called to order at 1:20 p.m. and a quorum will be determined. The presence of 50 formally designated voting representatives is required to establish a quorum for transacting business.
 - b. Legal Affairs Committee Chair Jeni Buckman will provide an overview of the proposed bylaws amendments.
 - c. The meeting will proceed according to the steps outlined 11.a. through 11.e. above.



BYLAWS of the Association of California Water Agencies

Proposed Amendments – redline version: September 29, 2017



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BYLAWS OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES

(As amended by the Members on December 2, 2015)

ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL

Section 1. Name. The name of this California nonprofit corporation shall be the Association of California Water Agencies (hereinafter referred to as the Association).

Section 2. Principal Office. The principal office for the transaction of business of the Association is located at 910 K Street, Suite 100, Sacramento, California; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may change the location of the principal office by resolution and without amendment of these bylaws.

Section 3. Purposes. The purposes of the Association shall be to work together with its members and others for the best interests of California and its citizens and landowners who use, need and depend upon water; to encourage the orderly development of the waters of the state; to seek means of obtaining and making available to all of California a dependable water supply of the best possible quality at the lowest possible cost, giving due consideration to environmental factors involved therein; to provide inspiration and leadership in meeting and solving the water supply problems of this state; to propose and advocate such policies and measures—local, state and federal—that serve the best interests of the Association, opposing those of contrary nature; to assist in promoting the health, safety and welfare of the employees of its members; and to do all other things that are in the best interests of its members.

ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Membership.

- A. **Members.** Only a public district, public agency, or public organization created and operated for the purpose of controlling, treating, developing, acquiring, using or supplying water for any purpose for inhabitants or lands within the state of California, or for the protection, drainage or reclamation of lands within the state of California, may become a member of the Association. Such an entity will become a member upon written application, approval by the Board of Directors, and the payment of the required dues. Acceptance to membership shall authorize full participation in Association activities. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (B) below, in no case may an organization other than a state, a political subdivision (as defined in § 1.103-1(b) of the Income Tax Regulations) of a state or an entity the income of which is excluded from gross income under § 115 of the Internal Revenue Code be a member of the Association.
- B. **Honorary Life Members.** Any person who has rendered conspicuous service in furthering the purposes of the Association may, by vote of the Board of Directors, be granted an honorary life membership in the Association without payment of dues or assessments. All past presidents of the Association shall automatically be honorary life members without vote of the Board of Directors. Honorary life members shall not be entitled to a vote or to hold office automatically because of their status as honorary life members.
- C. **Termination of Members.** Membership shall cease upon the failure of any member to pay the dues provided for in Section 2 of this Article. The membership of any member may be terminated at any time by such member sending written notification of its intention to withdraw to the Association's principal office. The Board of Directors may terminate the membership of any member upon 30 days' written notice by first-class mail when it is determined at any regular Board meeting or at any special Board meeting called for that purpose that continuance of such membership would not be in the best interests of the Association. Withdrawal or termination of membership ends any participation in Association activities and shall terminate a member's interest in the Association's assets.

Section 2. Dues. The annual dues of each member of the Association shall be established by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that any member may apply for a change in its dues because of conditions that differentiate such applicant from other members.

Section 3. Liability of Members. No member shall be liable for any obligation incurred by the Association with the following exception: (1) the payment of the annual dues while it remains a member; and (2) the payment of emergency assessments, which shall not exceed 10 percent of current annual dues for each member in any calendar year while it remains a member. No emergency assessment may be levied against any member during its first two years of membership in the Association.

ARTICLE 3 – OFFICERS

Section 1. President and Vice President.

- A. **General.** The president and vice president of the Association shall be the elected officers of the Association. At the time of their election the president and vice president shall each be an elected or appointed member of the governing body or commission (as appropriate) of a member agency of the Association. The president and vice president shall be elected by the members of the Association at its fall conference in each odd-numbered year, shall take office on January 1 of the calendar year following election, and shall hold office until such time as their successors take office or are appointed. An elected president shall not be permitted to succeed himself/herself to that office. Except as provided in this Article, should vacancies occur in either office of the president or vice president, the Board of Directors shall appoint persons to fill such offices for the unexpired terms thereof.
- B. **President.** The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the general membership; shall appoint members of all committees, including the chair and vice chair of each, upon recommendation from members and regions (as communicated by the region chairs), with each such committee chair and vice chair ratified by the Board of Directors; and shall perform all other duties necessary to carry out the functions of the office. The president shall be a non-voting *ex officio* member of each committee, but shall not be an *ex officio* member of the Nominating Committee or the region boards.

The president may be expelled from office with or without cause, upon the satisfaction of the following two events: (1) a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors; and (2) a subsequent simple majority vote of the members of the Association during a meeting of the membership.

- C. **Vice President.** The vice president shall, in the absence of the president, assume all of the duties of that office and, if a vacancy occurs, succeed thereto for the unexpired term. The vice president shall sit as a member of the Executive Committee of the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the president.

Section 2. Executive Director/Secretary and Controller/Treasurer.

- A. **General.** The executive director/secretary and controller/treasurer of the Association shall also be officers of the Association. The executive director/secretary shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the Board of Directors of the Association.
- B. **Executive Director/Secretary.** The executive director/secretary shall: (1) advise and assist the Board of Directors, all committees, the boards of each region, and the workgroups of each region; (2) be responsible for administering the total operations of the Association; (3) employ, direct, and release all employed staff in accordance with the policies adopted by the Board of Directors and consistent with the budget adopted by the Board of Directors; (4) provide relevant

information to the Board of Directors needed by the Board to take actions; (5) give members notice and record minutes of all meetings of the membership, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee; and (6) have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be provided and assigned by the Board of Directors directly or through the president of the Board or the Executive Committee. The executive director/secretary, with the assistance of the controller/treasurer, shall render a report to the Board of Directors at the first meeting following the close of each calendar year showing the membership of the Association, the receipts and expenditures during the year, and the work accomplished during the previous year.

- C. **Controller/Treasurer.** The controller/treasurer shall report to and act under the direction of the executive director/secretary. The controller/treasurer shall be a signatory on all accounts held by the Association and shall act as a fiduciary for all assets of the Association.

ARTICLE 4 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Membership. The Board of Directors shall consist of:

- A. The Association president and vice president.
- B. The chair and vice chair of each region.
- C. The chair of each standing committee.
- D. The most immediate active past president.
- E. The vice president of the ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

Section 2. Term of Office. The term of office of all members of the Board of Directors shall commence on January 1 of the calendar year following election of the president and vice president, except for those persons who serve on the Board of Directors by nature of their position as chairs of standing committees, whose terms shall instead commence upon their ratification by the Board of Directors. Except as provided in Article 4, Section 11, the term of office for all members of the Board of Directors shall terminate on December 31 of the following odd-numbered year two years later, or until their successors take office.

Section 3. Attendance Requirement. Any member of the Board of Directors who misses two consecutive regular Board meetings without being excused by the Board will no longer be a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held bimonthly at such times and places as the Board may determine.

Section 5. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the president upon the president's own volition or shall be called by the president when requested in writing by five directors. Prior to conducting such a special meeting, the president shall consult with the Executive Committee to ensure

that adequate information is available to the Board of Directors for any necessary decisions; and where such meeting is called upon the president's own volition, the president shall also consult with the Executive Committee as to the necessity of the special meeting. Notice for special meetings shall be provided in the following manner: (1) upon 10 days' written notice sent by mail to each director and addressed to each at the address as shown upon the records of the Association; or (2) upon 48 hours' notice with notice provided by electronic means. When the meeting is called upon the president's own volition, the president shall choose the form of notice; when the meeting is called by a request of five directors, the five directors shall choose the form of notice and the president shall promptly call the meeting. No business except those items described in the notice shall be transacted at any special meeting, except by consent of three-fourths of the members of the Board of Directors present.

Section 6. Meeting Requirements and Quorums. Any meeting, regular or special, may be held in person or by telephone conference, web video conference, or other electronic video screen communication or electronic transmission. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, the attendance of 50 percent of the voting members of the Board of Directors, or their permitted alternates as specified in these bylaws, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. The Board may hold a closed session for discussion of personnel matters or enforcement of violations of the code of conduct.

Section 7. Alternates. Each region shall designate an alternate for each chair and vice chair, who shall meet the qualification requirements for chair and vice chair, to act at meetings of the Board of Directors when the chair or vice chair is unable to attend. The vice chair of each standing committee will be the alternate to act at meetings of the Board of Directors when the chair is unable to attend. An alternate may not act or vote on behalf of more than one member of the Board of Directors. A member of the Board of Directors may not act as an alternate for any other member.

Section 8. Vacancies for Standing Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs. Should a vacancy occur in the office of any standing committee chair or vice chair before the end of the term, the president shall appoint a new committee chair or vice chair to fulfill the unexpired term of such committee chair or vice chair subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. A vacancy in the office of any such standing committee chair or vice chair as described in the previous sentence shall be deemed to exist when the chair or vice chair: (1) resigns the office; (2) no longer is an officer, employee, or member of the governing body of a member agency of the Association, or other representative duly designated by a member agency of the Association to represent that member; or (3) is otherwise removed by a member agency of the Association.

Section 9. Duties, Authorities, and Delegation. Subject to the provisions and limitations of California Nonprofit Corporation Law, other applicable laws, and the provisions of these bylaws, the Association's activities and affairs are to be exercised by or under the direction of the Association's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall supervision, control, and direction of the Association. The Board of Directors shall: (1) employ and release the executive director/secretary; (2) set performance expectations for the executive director/secretary; (3) receive, review, and consider approval of executive director/secretary recommended compensation, other terms and conditions of

employment, and annual evaluations as prepared by the Executive Committee; (4) annually adopt a budget; and (5) set the level of dues for the Association. Except as to the duties listed in the previous sentence, and subject to Article 3, Section 2, the Board of Directors may delegate the supervision, control, and direction of the Association's affairs to any person or group, including a committee, provided the Association Board retains ultimate responsibility for the actions of such person or group. Where such powers are delegated, the delegation shall be documented in writing.

Section 10. Immediate Past President. The immediate past president automatically assumes this position after serving as the Association's elected president and is a voting member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. The term of office for the immediate past president shall commence on January 1 of the calendar year following election of the president and vice president and shall terminate on December 31 of the following odd-numbered year two years later. In the event the most immediate active past president is unavailable to serve, the most recent and available active past president in succession shall serve in this capacity.

Section 11. Code of Conduct of Board Members.

- A. **Code of Conduct: Purpose and Adoption.** The Board of Directors shall establish, and update as appropriate, a code of conduct for its Directors that recognizes the Association's commitment of integrity, respect, and fair representation to its members and the public they serve and establishes minimum ethical standards for the performance of the duties of office. The code shall be consistent with the procedural processes contained in this section. The code shall be distributed to all new Directors and shall be distributed annually to all members of the Association.

- B. **Violations and Enforcement Process.** A violation of the code of conduct may result in removal, public censure, or private reprimand of a Director, or such other action as contained in the code of conduct. However, removal and public censure shall be reserved only for serious violations. A Director may not be removed or publically censured absent an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the Board of Directors. A Director may be privately reprimanded for a violation of the code of conduct upon the majority vote of the quorum. Complaints of violation of the code of conduct may be filed with the president, or the vice-president if the allegations are made against the president. The president may refer a complaint of violation to the executive director/secretary for investigation. The executive director/secretary may retain a special investigator or special counsel to conduct or assist the investigation. A Director accused of a violation shall be provided a copy of the complaint. A Director that takes any hostile or retaliatory action, directly or indirectly, against a complainant is subject to removal from the Board in conformance with the process identified above. Prior to scheduling a Board action on a complaint, the president shall consult with the Executive Committee and the chair of the Legal Affairs Committee. A Director accused of a violation of the code of conduct shall be provided at least 15 days' written notice of any meeting of the Board at which a determination of enforcement will be considered. A determination of enforcement may be made only at a regular

meeting of the Board and shall be made in closed session. The determinations of the Board under this section shall not be admissible in any criminal or civil proceeding brought against the Director for conduct that violates any other law.

ARTICLE 5 – REGIONS

Section 1. Boundaries of Each Region.

- A. There shall be a maximum of 10 regions within the state. The Board of Directors shall determine the regional boundaries. Insofar as is practicable, the regions shall have a numerical balance in members of the Association; make geographic sense; and promote regional problem solving.
- B. A member of the Association may file a written petition to the Board of Directors requesting a change in regions. Such petition shall set forth the reasons for such requested change. The Board shall, within a reasonable time, act upon such petition and set forth the reasons for its action. Such action by the Board shall be based on factors in (A) above, as well as others deemed by the Board of Directors to be relevant to the decision.

Section 2. Officers.

- A. The officers of each region shall be a chair and vice chair and three to five region board members who shall be elected by the region by September 30, or the preceding Friday if September 30 falls on a weekend, of odd-numbered years. A region may maintain a board of fewer than five but not less than three members as provided in the region's rules and regulations. The officers of the region board shall take office on January 1 of the calendar year following election and shall hold office for two years, or until their successors take office. Regions shall hold elections by electronic ballot. ACWA staff shall verify the legitimacy of the ballots.
- B. The officers of each region shall: (1) exercise the powers and perform duties of the region during the interim between region meetings; and (2) make recommendations to the president regarding appointments to committees. The chair and vice chair shall be the region's representatives to the ACWA Board of Directors.
- C. Each officer of a region shall be an officer, employee, or member of the governing body of a member agency of the Association, or other representative duly designated by a member agency of the Association to represent that member at the time of the appointment. Where an individual ceases to meet these criteria during the term of the office, the individual may not serve during the remaining term of that office unless that individual can again meet the criteria for the office and is appointed to complete the term. The region board may adopt more stringent criteria for board member qualifications as part of the region's rules and regulations.
- D. Should a vacancy occur in any of the region board positions before the end of the term, the remaining members of the region board shall appoint a new member. A vacancy in the office of

any region board position shall be deemed to exist when a region board member: (1) resigns the office; (2) no longer is an officer, employee, or member of the governing body of a member agency of the Association, or other representative duly designated by a member of the Association to represent that member; or (3) is otherwise removed by a member agency of the Association.

Section 3. Nominating Committees. There shall be a nominating committee for each region consisting of three or more designees, each representing a member of the Association located within the region, appointed by the chair of the region and approved by the region board. Nominating committees shall be formed by February 28 of each odd-numbered year. The nominating committee shall announce its nominations for chair, vice chair, and region board members by August 1 of an election year. All regions must complete the election process by September 30 of the election year, or the preceding Friday if the September 30 falls on a weekend.

Section 4. Meetings. The meetings of each region shall be held at both the spring and fall conferences and at such other times and places as may be determined by the region chair. Representatives of five or more members of the Association from the region present at any region meeting shall constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting the business of the region. Any meeting, regular or special, may be held in person or by telephone conference, web video conference, or other electronic video screen communication or electronic transmission.

Section 5. Workgroups. Workgroups may be appointed by the region chair as needed.

Section 6. Rules. Each region shall organize and adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and affairs not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or bylaws of the Association. Each region shall abide by the code of conduct adopted by the Board of Directors of the Association.

ARTICLE 6 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Membership. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the following: the president of the Association, who shall be the chair thereof; the vice president; the most immediate active past president; the chair of the Finance Committee; and three at-large representatives selected from and by the members of the Board of Directors. The election of the three at-large representatives to the Executive Committee shall occur at the first Board of Directors meeting held in each even-numbered year and the elected representatives shall serve immediately following their election and until such time as their successors take office. To the extent practical, the Executive Committee should be constituted so as to reflect the geographic extent of the Association and the functions of the members of the Association.

Section 2. Powers. The Executive Committee shall have the following authority:

- A. **Personnel.** Subject to the budget adopted by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall perform the following personnel actions: (1) recommend compensation for the executive

director/secretary to the Board of Directors for approval; (2) perform annual reviews of the executive director/secretary and submit that review to the Board of Directors; (3) review and approve the classification and compensation plan and publicly posted salary schedule for Association employees submitted by the executive director/secretary, which shall be reviewable by the Board of Directors, in closed session, upon request of the Board of Directors; (4) establish personnel policies for the conduct and behavior of employees, which shall be reviewable by the Board of Directors; and (5) undertake such other personnel actions as may be requested by the executive director/secretary in support of his or her oversight of all other personnel matters, which shall be reviewable by the Board of Directors, in closed session, upon request of the Board of Directors.

- B. **Delegation.** The Executive Committee may act pursuant to any authority specifically delegated to it by the Board of Directors. The delegation shall indicate whether the authority is still subject to the ultimate authority of the Board.
- C. **Authority to Act Between Meetings.** The Executive Committee may act for the Board of Directors between Board meetings when calling a special meeting of the Board of Directors is impracticable, provided that no such action of the Executive Committee shall be binding on the Board of Directors until authorized or approved by the Board. The Executive Committee has the authority to authorize actions recommended by the Legal Affairs Committee (such as the filing of letter briefs and amicus curiae briefs) by electronic means without the need for an in-person or telephonic meeting, but such actions shall be ratified by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Section 3. Reporting. The president, or any person designated by the president, shall report to the Board of Directors, at each regular Board meeting, any action taken by the Executive Committee since the last preceding regular Board meeting. The minutes of Executive Committee meetings, which at that time may still be in draft form, shall be mailed (using the U.S. Postal Service, express delivery, electronic means, or otherwise) to each member of the Board of Directors at least five days prior to Board meetings, except in cases in which the Executive Committee meets during or immediately prior to a conference of the Association or immediately prior to a Board meeting, in which case the minutes, which may still be in draft form, shall be mailed to each director promptly thereafter.

Section 4. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall hold regularly scheduled meetings as set by the president. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the president upon notice to the members of that committee or upon written request of three Executive Committee members. Notice for special Executive Committee meetings shall be provided to the entire Board: (1) upon five days' written notice sent by mail, or (2) upon 24 hours' notice with notice provided by electronic means; and all such meetings shall be open to the Board of Directors. Any meeting, regular or special, may be held in person or by telephone conference, web video conference or other electronic video screen communication or electronic transmission. All members of the Board of Directors may attend any meeting of the Executive Committee. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be closed to others at

the discretion of the President or committee. Only members of the Executive Committee are allowed to vote on matters at a meeting of the committee.

Section 5. Minutes. The minutes of the Executive Committee meetings shall be kept by the executive director/secretary at the Association's principal office. Actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors as provided in Section 3 of this Article and shall be available to any member of the Board of Directors upon request to the executive director/secretary.

ARTICLE 7 – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Qualification. In order to serve on any ACWA standing committee, an individual must be an officer, employee, or member of the governing body of a member agency of the Association, or other representative duly designated by a member agency of the Association to represent that member at the time of the appointment. Where an individual ceases to meet these criteria during the term of the appointment, the individual may not serve during the remaining term of that appointment unless that individual can again meet the criteria for appointment and is appointed to complete the term.

Section 2. Term of Office. The term of office of standing committee members shall be two years commencing on January 1 of each even-numbered year. The term of office of standing committee chairs and vice chairs shall be approximately two years and shall commence as soon after January 1 of the even-numbered year as they may be appointed by the president and ratified by the then-seated Board of Directors, and shall terminate on December 31 of the odd-numbered year approximately two years later or until their successors are appointed and ratified.

Section 3. Meetings. Meetings of standing committees may be called at such times and places designated by the respective chair thereof except where provided otherwise by these bylaws. Subject to the provisions of these bylaws and any actions that may be taken by the Board of Directors, the chairs of each standing committee may establish their own rules for the efficient operation of the committee they each chair. The chairs of each standing committee are authorized to create subcommittees and workgroups in order to complete the work of the committee.

Section 4. Committee Composition. Each limited standing committee shall have a membership composition that is comprised of members in the quantity and with qualifications as defined by the provisions of these bylaws. The committee chair position shall not be included in the maximum count for determining the committee composition total of any given limited committee. The committee chair shall, however, be a voting member of their respective committees subject to the rules and procedures of each committee.

Rationale: Staff is recommending this amendment to the Bylaws to allow the President flexibility in appointing members to limited standing committees and to provide an odd number committee composition total.

LAC Workgroup Analysis: The proposed revision is clear and meets its intended purpose.

Committee Composition Terms in Sections 5 through 17.

Rationale: Review of Committee Composition Terms: Staff noted that the use of the term “individual” versus “representative” (and one instance of “member”) was inconsistent throughout the committee composition description for each of the standing committees in Article 7. Staff asked the LAC Workgroup to review Section 1, Qualifications, as well as each of the committee descriptions to make a determination as to which term would best apply for all of the committees for purposes of consistency throughout Article 7.

LAC Workgroup Analysis: Reading of the various ACWA committee sections suggests that “Member” would be the most appropriate word for consistency throughout the By-Laws. However, the use of a single term, may require some minor revisions to surrounding text for clarity (for an example see Section 15 (State Legislative Committee) where “member” is separately used to denote a “member agency” and so would need to state “member-agency” consistently to accommodate the more general use of “member” throughout the By-Laws).

Staff Response: Staff revised the terms in the committee sections to “member” for consistency and the surrounding language where needed in response to the LAC Workgroup’s analysis.

Section 5. Agriculture Committee. There shall be an Agriculture Committee whose duty it shall be to recommend Association policy, positions and programs to the Board of Directors, State Legislative Committee, Federal Affairs Committee or other committees, as appropriate, regarding agricultural issues affecting the interests of ACWA and its members. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each region.

Rationale: The 2016-2017 Business and Strategic Plan initiative to increase involvement and engagement from ACWA’s agricultural members has successfully generated momentum amongst ACWA’s agricultural members and a renewed attention to and involvement in key policy issues that uniquely affect agricultural water suppliers. Amidst this success, a concern has arisen that the momentum could be lost once the Board of Directors finishes its current term and the initiative sunsets. This concern has sparked the suggestion that ACWA should consider creating an Agriculture Committee as the thirteenth standing committee of the Association to continue the objectives of the Ag Initiative long-term.

LAC Workgroup Analysis: The proposed revision is clean and meets its intended purpose.

~~Section 4~~ **6. Business Development Committee.** There shall be a Business Development Committee whose duty it is to develop and recommend to the Board of Directors programs and activities to be provided or administered by the Association that generate non-dues revenue and provide a service or benefit to ~~Association members~~member agencies. The committee shall consist of at least one ~~representative member~~representative member from each region and ~~one representative~~may include members from the any of the other standing committees.

~~Section-5~~ **7. Communications Committee.** There shall be a Communications Committee whose duty it shall be to develop and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding a comprehensive internal and external communications program for the Association and to promote development of sound public information and education programs and practices among members of the Association agencies. The committee shall consist of no more than 40 individuals members. ~~Of that number, The committee shall consist of~~ at least one individual member shall be from each region.

~~Section-6~~ **8. Energy Committee.** There shall be an Energy Committee whose duty it shall be to recommend policies and programs to the Board of Directors and to the State Legislative Committee and/or Federal Affairs Committee as appropriate. The committee shall consist of at least one representative member from each region.

~~Section-7~~ **9. Federal Affairs Committee.** There shall be a Federal Affairs Committee whose duty it shall be to review all federal legislative proposals and regulatory proposals affecting ~~members of the Association~~ member agencies, after consulting with other appropriate committees, and to develop Association positions consistent with existing policy, where it has been established; recommend sponsorship of bills that will resolve problems or improve conditions for ~~members of the Association~~ agencies; and assist in the establishment of the Association's federal legislative program. The committee shall consist of at least one ~~and, but~~ no more than five individuals members from each region.

~~Section-8~~ **10. Finance Committee.** There shall be a Finance Committee whose duty it shall be to make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding annual budgets, dues formula and schedules and other revenue-producing income, annual audit and selection of an auditor, and investment strategies. The committee shall consist of the president and vice president of the Association as *ex officio* members, ~~the Finance Committee chair, one member~~ either the chair or vice chair from each of the Association's ~~of the region board from each of the Association's 10 regions~~ boards (either chair or vice chair), and one additional representative member from each region with experience in financial matters.

~~Section-9~~ **11. Groundwater Committee.** There shall be a Groundwater Committee whose duty it shall be to recommend policies and programs to the Board of Directors and to the State Legislative Committee and/or Federal Affairs Committee as appropriate. The committee shall consist of at least one representative member from each region.

~~Section-10~~ **12. Legal Affairs Committee.** There shall be a Legal Affairs Committee whose duty it shall be to support the mission of the Association, and more particularly to deal with requests for assistance involving legal matters of significance to ~~members of the Association~~ agencies, including but not limited to state and federal court litigation, water rights matters, selected regulatory and resources agency matters, proposed bylaw revisions, review of legislation as requested by the State Legislative Committee, etc. The committee shall consider matters and issues submitted to it in order to determine which ones are of major significance to the ~~members of the Association~~ agencies and, assuming a finding of major significance, recommend to the Board of Directors the position(s) which the committee believes the Association should take with respect thereto. The committee shall be composed of between ~~35~~ 34 and ~~45~~ 44 attorneys, each of whom shall be a member of the California Bar and shall be,

or act as, counsel for a member of the Association agency, representing diverse interests within the Association, including but not limited to, different geographical areas throughout the state, large and small agencies, agricultural and urban agencies, agencies created under the various enabling statutes, etc. ~~Further, there shall be at least one representative from each region on the committee.~~ The committee shall consist of at least one member from each region.

Rationale: Change the committee composition range so there is a resulting odd number total when the chair is added.

LAC Workgroup Analysis: Considered together with the general change in Section 4, Committee Composition above, this change accomplishes its purposes and maintains the current overall LAC membership numbers.

~~Section 11~~ **13. Local Government Committee.** There shall be a Local Government Committee whose duty it shall be to recommend policies to the State Legislative Committee, as appropriate, and Board of Directors on matters affecting water agencies as a segment of local government in California. The committee shall consist of at least one, ~~and~~ but no more than three ~~individuals~~ members from each region.

~~Section 12~~ **14. Membership Committee.** There shall be a Membership Committee whose duty it shall be to assist staff in developing membership recruitment and retention programs, make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding membership policies, eligibility, and applications for membership and review and make recommendations to the Finance Committee regarding an equitable dues structure. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each region.

~~Section 13~~ **15. State Legislative Committee.** There shall be a State Legislative Committee whose duty it shall be to review all state legislative proposals affecting ~~members of the Association~~ agencies and to establish Association positions, consistent with existing policy, where it has been established; sponsor bills that will resolve problems or improve conditions for ~~member s of the Association~~ agencies; and assist in the establishment of the Association's legislative program. The committee shall consist of ~~individuals~~ members representing a variety of types of ~~members~~ member agencies and at least one ~~and~~, but no more than four ~~individuals~~ members from each region.

~~Section 14~~ **16. Water Management Committee.** There shall be a Water Management Committee whose duty it shall be to recommend policy and programs to the Board of Directors on any area of concern in water management. The committee shall consist of at least one, but ~~and~~ no more than four ~~individuals~~ members from each region.

~~Section 15~~ **17. Water Quality Committee.** There shall be a Water Quality Committee whose duty it shall be to develop and recommend Association policy, positions, and programs to the Board of Directors, to promote cost-effective state and federal water quality regulations that protect the public health, to enable interested ~~members of the Association~~ agencies to join together to develop and coordinate with

other organizations, and to present unified comments regarding agricultural and domestic water quality regulations. The committee shall consist of at least one ~~individual~~ member from each region.

ARTICLE 8 – SPECIAL COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, AND TASK FORCES

Section 1. Council of Past Presidents. There shall be a Council of Past Presidents composed of all past presidents of the Association who serve on the council until each is no longer able to or wishes to serve. The council shall provide a mechanism for past presidents to continue to make valuable contributions to the Association. With approval of the Board of Directors, the president and/or executive director/secretary may assign specific responsibilities to the council from time to time. Members of the Council of Past Presidents are invited to attend and participate in the Association’s Board meetings.

Section 2. Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of five or more persons appointed by the president prior to the Association’s fall conference in each odd-numbered year, whose purpose shall be to nominate qualified individuals for the offices of president and vice president of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall publish its nominations for the offices of president and vice president of the Association not less than 10 or more than 90 days before the membership meeting is held at fall conference. Additional nominations may be made by any member of the Association for candidates for the office of president and vice president. Additional nominations shall be made from the floor during the election of president and vice president at the membership meeting scheduled for said purposes.

Section 3. Other Committees and Task Forces. Other committees and task forces may be appointed by the president from time to time as needed, consistent with and supportive of the mission of the Association.

ARTICLE 9 – MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Meetings. Meetings of the members of the Association shall be held at the Association’s conferences at such times as may be determined by the Board of Directors to conduct necessary business and to elect the president and vice president, which occurs at the fall conference in each odd-numbered year.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members of the Association may be called by the Board of Directors, the president of the Board of Directors, or by 5 percent or more of the members of the Association. Except when called by the Board, a request for a special meeting must be in writing and must be delivered in person or mailed by first-class mail addressed to the president of the Board at the principal office of the Association, with a copy to the executive director/secretary. The request must state the general nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.

A special meeting that has been called by written request of 5 percent of the member agencies of the Association to the Board of Directors shall be set by the Board of Directors on a date that is not less than 35 or more than 90 days after receipt of the request.

Section 3. Notice Requirements for Membership Meetings. Written notice of any membership meeting shall be given to each voting member of the Association. The notice shall state the date, time, and place of the meeting; the means by which members may participate; and the general nature of the business to be transacted. The notice of any meeting at which Board officers are to be formally nominated and elected shall include the names of the recommended slate of candidates for the offices of president and vice president in addition to the election procedures. The member notification information shall also be posted on the Association's website.

Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws or California law, a written notice of regular membership meetings shall be given not less than 10 or more than 90 days before the date of the meeting to each member who, on the record date for notice of the meeting, is entitled to vote; provided, however, that if notice is given by mail, and the notice is not mailed by first-class, registered, or certified mail, that notice shall be given not less than 20 days before the meeting.

Section 4. Notice Requirements for Special Meetings. The executive director/secretary shall cause notice to be given to all members of the Association of the date, time, and place of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting. No business except that specified in the request and notice may be transacted at said special meeting. If notice of the requested special meeting is not given within 20 days after receipt of the request, the person or persons requesting the meeting may give the notice.

Section 5. Voting. Each member of the Association shall be entitled to one vote that shall be cast by its authorized representative. All questions, except amendments or revisions of these bylaws, shall be determined by a majority of the members present and voting. A roll call may be requested by any representative.

Section 6. Amendment of Bylaws. These bylaws may be amended or revised by two-thirds of the member agencies of the Association present and voting at any meeting.

Section 7. Quorums. The presence of the authorized representative of 50 members of the Association at any meeting of the members shall constitute a quorum for transacting business.

Section 8. Amendments, Revisions, and Resolutions. Before any amendments or revisions to the bylaws, or resolutions, may be considered at any meeting of the Association, any such amendment, revision, or resolution shall be submitted to the executive director/secretary at least 30 90 days prior to the first day of such meeting. The executive director/secretary shall promptly distribute any proposed amendments or revisions to the Legal Affairs Committee for the Legal Affairs Committee to develop an unbiased analysis of the amendments or revisions. Following development of an analysis for the proposed amendments or revisions, the executive director/secretary shall distribute copies of any resolutions, amendments or revisions, including any applicable analyses, to all members of the Association at least five not less than 10 days or more than 90 days prior to presentation at such meeting. The written notice of the membership meeting shall be given to each voting member of the Association consistent with the provisions defined in Section 3. The 30 90-day rule may be suspended at

any meeting of the Association by consent of three-fourths of the members present. Voting on resolutions, amendments, or revisions shall proceed as provided by Sections 3 5 and 4 6 of this Article.

Staff Rationale: Staff is recommended that the deadline for submitting requests for amendments, revisions, and resolutions be changed from 30 to 120 days prior to any membership meeting to provide Legal Affairs Committee sufficient time to review and develop the required analysis and for staff to provide adequate notice to the members as set forth in Article 9, Sections 3 and 4 of the Bylaws. Note: Staff typically notifies ACWA members at least 45 prior to a given membership meeting to allow the agency boards to designate their authorized representative.

LAC Workgroup Analysis: This proposed revision is clear and meets its intended purpose. However, subcommittee members did express some concern that the 120-day submission requirement may unduly limit the Association's ability to quickly respond to state or federal legislative or administrative acts appropriately. A supermajority of the Association may vote to suspend the requirement, however, it may be advisable to require only 90-days for submission while retaining the general Association distribution timing of no later than 10-days and no earlier than 90-days prior to presentation at an Association meeting.

Staff Response: Staff revised the proposed amendment to state 90 days instead of 120 days in response to the LAC Workgroup's analysis.

Section 9. Nomination of President and Vice President.

- A. **Qualification.** At the time of their election, the president and vice president of the Association shall each be an elected or appointed member of the governing body or commission (as appropriate) of a member agency of the Association.
- B. **Nominating Committee Process.** All nominations for the positions of president and vice president shall be accompanied by an official resolution from the Association member agency on whose board the nominee serves. Said resolution shall be signed by an authorized signatory of the member agency's Board of Directors.
- C. **Nominations from the Floor.** Additional nominations may be made by any member of the Association for the office of president and vice president. Said nominations and seconds shall be made from the floor during the election of the offices of president and vice president at the membership meeting scheduled for said purposes (as provided for in the penultimate sentence of Article 8, Section 2). Such nominations and seconds shall be made by a member of the Association and must be supported by a resolution of the governing body of the member making and seconding such nomination. The member agency on whose board the nominee serves shall submit a resolution of support if they are not the agency making the floor nomination or second.

Section 10. Additional Procedures for Election of Officers. The Board shall have the authority to develop additional procedures for elections of president and vice president when not otherwise covered by these bylaws.

ARTICLE 10 – INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND OTHER AGENTS

Section 1. Right of Indemnity. To the fullest extent permitted by law, this Corporation shall indemnify its Directors, Officers, employees, and other persons described in Section 7237(a) of the California Corporations Code, including persons formerly occupying any such position, against all expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with any “proceeding,” as that term is used in that Section, and including an action by or in the right of the Corporation, by reason of the fact that the person is or was a person described in that section. “Expenses,” as used in this bylaw, shall have the same meaning as in Section 7237(a) of the California Corporations Code.

Section 2. Approval of Indemnity. On written request to the Board by any person seeking indemnification under Section 7237(b) or Section 7237(c) of the California Corporations Code, the Board shall promptly determine under Section 7237(e) of the California Corporations Code whether the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 7237(b) or Section 7237(c) has been met and, if so, the Board shall authorize indemnification.

Section 3. Advancement of Expenses. To the fullest extent permitted by law and except as otherwise determined by the Board in a specific instance, expenses incurred by a person seeking indemnification under these bylaws in defending any proceeding covered by those Sections shall be advanced by the Corporation before final disposition of the proceeding, on receipt by the Corporation of an undertaking by or on behalf of that person that the advance will be repaid unless it is ultimately determined that the person is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation for those expenses.

Section 4. Insurance. The Corporation shall have the right to purchase and maintain insurance to the full extent permitted by law on behalf of its Officers, Directors, employees, and other agents, against any liability asserted against or incurred by any officer, director, employee, or agent in such capacity or arising out of the officer’s, director’s, employee’s or agent’s status as such.

ARTICLE 11 – MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Conduct of Meetings. All meetings of the Association shall be conducted in accord with the code of conduct and in substantial accordance with the latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised unless the Board adopts alternate rules of conduct for itself and/or its committees, region boards, and region workgroups.

Section 2. Funds. The funds of the Association shall be used to further the aims and purposes of this Association. They shall be kept by the controller/treasurer and paid out by checks or other electronic means, which shall only be valid with two authorized signatures. The Board of Directors shall designate

by resolution which persons, other than the controller/treasurer, may sign for expenditures. The Finance Committee shall implement procedures to ensure necessary internal controls over the receipt and expenditures of Association funds and arrange for an external audit. Audit reports shall be presented to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Disposition of Assets upon Dissolution. The Association's properties and assets are irrevocably dedicated to the fulfillment of the Association's purposes as described in Article 2 of the Articles of Incorporation. No part of the Association's net earnings, properties and assets, on dissolution or otherwise, may inure to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution of the Association, all debts thereof shall be paid and its affairs settled, and all remaining assets shall be distributed to the Association's member political subdivisions for a public purpose, consistent with the provisions of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law relating to public benefit corporations then in effect and with the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 3. Definitions. As used in these bylaws, the term "notice provided by electronic means" shall refer to notice given by fax or e-mail.

Amended comprehensively December 1, 2010

Amended May 9, 2012

Amended May 7, 2014

Amended December 2, 2015



PROXY DESIGNATION FORM

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES GENERAL SESSION MEMBERSHIP MEETING(S)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017 AT 1:20PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017 AT 1:20PM (IF NEEDED)

TO: Donna Pangborn, Clerk of the Board

EMAIL: donnap@acwa.com

FAX: 916-325-4857

The person designated below will be attending the ACWA General Session Membership Meeting(s) on **Wednesday, November 29, 2017 (and November 30, 2017 if necessary)** as our voting delegate.

<i>MEMBER AGENCY'S NAME</i>	<i>AGENCY'S TELEPHONE No.</i>
<i>MEMBER AGENCY'S AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATIVE</i>	<i>SIGNATURE</i>
<i>DELEGATE'S NAME</i>	<i>SIGNATURE</i>
<i>DELEGATE'S EMAIL</i>	<i>DELEGATE'S TELEPHONE No.</i>
<i>DELEGATE'S AFFILIATION (if different from assigning agency)¹</i>	<i>DATE</i>

¹ If your agency designates a delegate from another entity to serve as its authorized voting representative, please indicate the delegate's entity in the appropriate space above. Note: Delegates need to sign the proxy form indicating they have accepted the responsibility of carrying the proxy.

REMINDER: Proxy cards will be available for pick up on **Wednesday, November 29**, between **9:00 a.m.** and **12:00 p.m.** at the **ACWA General Session Desk** in the main foyer outside of the **Marquis Ballroom Center, Marriott Anaheim**. The luncheon and General Session Membership Meeting will be held in the Platinum Ballroom 1-6.



Irvine Ranch
WATER DISTRICT

October 18, 2017

Jeffrey Davis
San Geronio Pass Water Agency
1210 Beaumont Avenue
Beaumont, CA 92223

Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to share with you that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Nominating Committee has selected me as their recommended candidate to serve in the role of ACWA Vice President for the 2018-2019 term. I am excited about having an opportunity to play a leadership role in ACWA and represent your water agency and the other 430 ACWA member agencies in addressing California's increasingly complex water issues. I am writing to respectfully request your agency's support for my candidacy during the ACWA Officer Election at our fall conference.

My experience, in participating on various ACWA committees and in numerous events over the years, has shown me that it is the people that make the difference in the success of our statewide organization. The diversity among water agencies – north/south, east/west, large/small, ag/urban, coastal/mountain, desert/forest – provides a stellar example of the value of collaboration. Statewide, ACWA member agencies have the expertise to solve almost any water issue when given the opportunity. One of the things I enjoy most about being a part of ACWA is being able to learn from water experts from each of our regions. Together we are a mighty force throughout California and together we can solve difficult issues to the benefit of all Californians.

I have attached a brief summary of my experience with ACWA state water task forces and advisory committees. While this experience is indeed important, what I treasure most is having the support of people whom I respect within ACWA – past presidents, fellow ACWA Board members, friends from other water agency boards, general managers and district staff.

Many agencies have already supported my candidacy through resolutions, and I am very grateful for their early votes of confidence. I respectfully ask for an opportunity to represent the best interests of water agencies throughout California and ask for your agency's vote. I look forward to seeing you at our fall conference in Anaheim. Thank you in advance for your support. Please contact me if you have any questions about my candidacy at 714-227-2869.

Respectfully,

Steven E. LaMar
Director

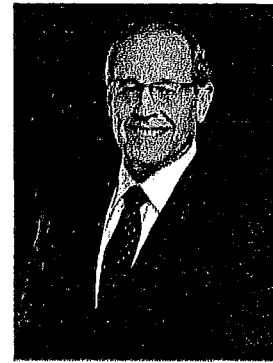
Enclosure: Statement of Qualifications

STEVEN E. LAMAR

Statement of Qualifications for Vice President Association of California Water Agencies

- Inclusive Leadership
- Active Advocacy
- Strong Commitment Water Community

“Seeing things from all perspectives and working together to make a difference. This is not only the best way to forge alliances and make tough policy decisions, it’s essential for good governance.”



Inclusive Leadership: Experience that Counts

Steve LaMar has been a member of the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) Board of Directors since early 2009, serving multiple terms as Board President. In his most recent election, he received support and endorsements from both the business community (e.g., Orange County Business Council, Building Industry Association) and environmental groups (e.g., Orange County League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club).

Mr. LaMar has also served in leadership roles for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). He is currently a member of its Board of Directors, Chair of the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee, and participates regularly at ACWA’s Executive Committee. He is a past-Chair of ACWA’s Headwaters Task Force. Mr. LaMar is a member of the board of directors of several other water-related organizations, including the National Water Resources Association (representing 17 Western states), the Southern California Water Committee, and CalDesal, and has served on the Board of the National Water Research Institute.

Beyond his water industry involvement, Steve had held leadership positions at a wide range of organizations such as the Natural Communities Coalition of Orange County, a nonprofit organization responsible for implementing California’s first natural community conservation plan and for protecting 37,000 acres of coastal sage scrub habitat, where he is its current Board President. He is also active in the California Building Industry Association, where he has chaired both the Water Resources Committee and Government Affairs Committee.

Active Advocacy: Not Just Words

Mr. LaMar advocates for ACWA’s policies and initiatives not only as the Chair of the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee, but also through his involvement in other key ACWA committees including the Energy Committee, the Agricultural Initiative Work Group, and the Headwaters Work Group.

Steve’s advocacy effectiveness is evidenced by his successful professional career as President of LegiSight, LLC, a legislative advocacy firm for businesses. Prior to forming this firm, he served as the Senior Policy Director for the Irvine Company and the Director of Corporate Affairs for the Mission Viejo Company.

A Long-Term Commitment to the Water Community: Live What You Believe

Mr. LaMar’s commitment to the water community pre-dates his joining the Board of IRWD. He worked on the Delta Vision Stakeholders Coordinating Group as a business representative, the AB 2717 Landscape Task Force as the Chair of the Economics Work Group, the 2005 and 2009 Advisory Committees for the California Water Plan, State Water Desalination Task Force, and Governor Davis’ Drought Advisory Panel.

Serving on the Board of IRWD has provided Mr. LaMar with the knowledge and understanding of what goes into providing retail water service to a broad and diverse community. Steve has applied this knowledge to his involvement with the Southern California Water Committee and memberships in the California Business Properties Association and the California Chamber of Commerce.

Steve LaMar has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Pittsburg State University and an Environmental Management Institute Certificate from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Irvine Ranch Water District is a large retail water and sewer agency in Orange County California serving 390,000 residents, a 180-square mile area, with approximately 110,000 water and sewer service connections