

San Geronio Pass Water Agency

DATE: November 14, 2022

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Lance Eckhart, General Manager

SUBJECT: Nominations for ACWA Region 9 Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION

Staff has no recommendation. Should the Board desire to nominate someone for the Region 9 Board, it would have to adopt the nominating resolution. The signed resolution will need to be submitted to ACWA no later than November 21, 2022.

BACKGROUND

ACWA is the leading organization of the water industry in California. The Agency belongs to other organizations, such as the State Water Contractors, the Southern California Water Committee, and the California Special Districts Association; however, ACWA has in the past been the organization that the Board has supported the most (staff participates actively in the State Water Contractors).

The last Board member to serve on the ACWA Region 9 Board was in 2015. The Board had nominated another Board member in 2017, but was not elected.

ANALYSIS

The Region 9 Board is looking for ACWA members who are interested in leading the direction of ACWA Region 9 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 term. The Board is seeking candidates from Region 9 to fill two board vacancies. One candidate will be selected from the Arid area and one from the Western area, as defined in the Region 9 Rules and Regulations.

Should the Board wish to nominate someone from the Agency to serve on the Region 9 Board, it would need to adopt a nominating resolution which must be sent to ACWA by November 21, 2022. The attached documents describe the process.

FISCAL IMPACT

There would be a small financial impact on the Agency if a member of the Board or staff served on the Region 9 Board, as the Agency would be responsible for travel costs for this individual to attend meetings and other events.

ACTION

Adopt Resolution #2022-27, nominating [NAME] to serve on ACWA Region 9 Board for the remaining term of 2022-2023.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2022-27

ACWA Memorandum

ACWA - Region Board Candidate Nomination Form

ACWA - The Role of the Regions

ACWA – Region 9 Rules & Regulations

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY PLACING IN NOMINATION [NAME] AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES REGION 9 BOARD MEMBER

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

A. Recitals

- (i) The Board of Directors (Board) of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency does encourage and support the participation of its members in the affairs of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).
- (ii) [NAME] has indicated a desire to serve as a Board Member of ACWA Region 9.

B. Resolves

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY,

- (i) Does place its full and unreserved support in the nomination of [NAME] for the Board Member position of ACWA Region 9.
- (ii) Does hereby determine that the expenses attendant with the service of [NAME] in ACWA Region 9 shall be borne by the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency.

Adopted and approved this 14th day of November, 2022.

Larry R. Smith
President, Board of Directors
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

(SEAL)

I, Lance Eckhart, Secretary to the Board of Directors of San Geronio Pass Water Agency, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said District, held on the 14th day of November, 2022, and was adopted at that meeting by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Lance Eckhart, Secretary to the
Board of Directors of
San Geronio Pass Water Agency

Cheryle Stiff

From: Sarah Hodge <SarahH@acwa.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 2:48 PM
Subject: ACWA Region 9 Board Call for Candidates
Attachments: 2022 -2023 Region 9 Call for Candidates Packet.pdf



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 18, 2022
To: Region 9 Member Agency Presidents and General Managers (*sent via e-mail*)
From: ACWA Region 9 Board

The Region 9 Board is looking for ACWA members who are interested in leading the direction of ACWA Region 9 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 term. The Board is seeking candidates from Region 9 to fill two board vacancies. One candidate will be selected from the Arid area and one from the Western area, as defined in the Region 9 Rules and Regulations.

The leadership of ACWA's ten geographical regions is integral to the leadership of the Association as a whole. The Chair and Vice Chair of Region 9 serve on ACWA's Statewide Board of Directors and recommend all committee appointments for Region 9. The members of the Region 9 Board determine the direction and focus of region issues and activities. Additionally, they support the fulfillment of ACWA's goals on behalf of members.

If you, or someone within your agency, are interested in serving in a leadership role within ACWA by becoming a Region 9 Board Member, please familiarize yourself with the [role of the Regions](#) and the [Region 9 Rules and Regulations](#).

Submit your nomination by completing the following steps:

- **Complete the Nomination Form ([here](#))**
- **Obtain a Resolution of support from your agency's Board of Directors (sample resolution [here](#))**

Submissions must be sent to Sarah Hodge at sarahh@acwa.com by 5:00 p.m. on November 21, 2022

The Region 9 Board will make their appointment shortly thereafter and will inform the Region of the results.

If you have any questions, please contact ACWA Regional Affairs Representative Sarah Hodge at sarahh@acwa.com, or call (916) 669-2384.



REGION BOARD CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate: _____

Agency: _____ Title: _____

Agency Phone: _____ Direct Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ ACWA Region: _____ County: _____

Address: _____

Agency Function(s): (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewage Treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Water Supply | <input type="checkbox"/> Retailer | <input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater Management / Replenishment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ag Water Supply | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater Reclamation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Describe your ACWA-related activities that help qualify you for this office:

In the space provided, please write or attach a brief, half-page bio summarizing the experience and qualifications that make you a viable candidate for ACWA Region leadership. Please include the number of years you have served in your current agency position, the number of years you have been involved in water issues and in what capacity you have been involved in the water community.

I acknowledge that the role of a region board member is to actively participate on the Region Board during my term, including attending region board and membership meetings, participating on region conference calls, participating in ACWA's Outreach Program, as well as other ACWA functions to set an example of commitment to the region and the association.

*I hereby submit my name for consideration by the Nominating Committee.
(Please attach a copy of your agency's resolution of support/sponsorship for your candidacy.)*

Signature

Title

Date

Submit completed form to Sarah Hodge at sarahh@acwa.com.

ACWA Regions provide the grassroots support to advance ACWA's legislative and regulatory agenda.

Background

As a result of ACWA's 1993 strategic planning process, known as Vision 2000, ACWA modified its governance structure from one that was based on sections to a regional-based configuration. Ten regions were established to provide geographic balance and to group agencies with similar interests.

Primary Charge of Regions

- To provide a structure where agencies can come together and discuss / resolve issues of mutual concern and interest and based on that interaction, provide representative input to the ACWA board.
- To assist the Outreach Task Force in building local grassroots support for the ACWA Outreach Program in order to advance ACWA's legislative and regulatory priorities as determined by the ACWA Board and the State Legislative, Federal Affairs or other policy committees.
- To provide a forum to educate region members on ACWA's priorities and issues of local and statewide concern.
- To assist staff with association membership recruitment at the regional level.
- To recommend specific actions to the ACWA Board on local, regional, state and federal issues as well as to recommend endorsement for various government offices and positions.

Region chairs and vice chairs, with support from their region boards, provide the regional leadership to fulfill this charge.

Note: Individual region boards CANNOT take positions, action or disseminate communication on issues and endorsements without going through the ACWA Board structure.

GENERAL DUTIES / RESPONSIBILITIES FOR REGION OFFICERS

Region Chair

- Serves as a member of the ACWA Board of Directors at bimonthly meetings at such times and places as the Board may determine. The Chair will also call at least two Region membership meetings to be held at each of the ACWA Conferences and periodic Region Board meetings.
- Serves as a member of ACWA's Outreach Program, and encourages region involvement. Appoints Outreach Captain to help lead outreach effort within the region.
- Presides over all region activities and ensures that such activities promote and support accomplishment of ACWA's Goals.
- Makes joint recommendations to the ACWA President regarding regional appointments to all ACWA committees.
- Appoints representatives in concurrence of the region board, to serve on the region's nominating committee with the approval of the region board.
- Facilitates communication from the region board and the region membership to the ACWA board and staff.

Region Vice Chair

- Serves as a member of the ACWA Board of Directors at bimonthly meetings at such times and places as the Board may determine. The Vice Chair will also participate in at least two Region membership meetings to be held at each of the ACWA Conferences and periodic Region Board meetings.
- Performs duties of the Region Chair in the absence of the chair.
- Serves as a member of ACWA's Outreach Program, and encourages region involvement.
- Makes joint recommendations to the ACWA president regarding regional appointments to all ACWA committees.

Region Board Member

- Participate in at least two Region membership meetings to be held at each of the ACWA Conferences and periodic Region Board meetings.
- Supports program planning and activities for the region.
- Actively participates and encourages region involvement in ACWA's Outreach Program.
- May serve as alternate for the chair and/or vice chair in their absence (if appointed) to represent the region to the ACWA Board.

ACWA Region 9
Rules & Regulations

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 (ACWA Bylaw V, 6.).

Officers

When possible, the chair and vice chair should strive to be from different areas within Region 9. The positions should alternate between the Western and Arid areas every region board term.

The chair and vice chair shall be elected, one from each area, and the positions shall be rotated between the Western and Arid areas of Region 9.

At least one of the chair or vice chair positions must be an elected/appointed director from a member agency.

The chair will appoint a secretary to the Board if one is deemed necessary.

When possible, alternates should be selected from the same Arid or Western regions as their corresponding chair or vice chair.

<p>Western area which shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beaumont-Cherry Valley WD (Beaumont) • Chino Basin WCD (Montclair) • Chino Basin Watermaster (Rancho Cucamonga) • City of Corona Dept of Water and Power (Corona) • City of Rialto/Rialto Utility Authority (Rialto) • Crestline Village WD (Crestline) • Crestline-Lake Arrowhead WA (Crestline) • Cucamonga Valley WD (Rancho Cucamonga) • East Valley WD (San Bernardino) • Eastern MWD (Perris) • Elsinore Valley MWD (Lake Elsinore) • Inland Empire Utilities Agency (Chino) • Jurupa CSD (Mira Loma) • Lake Arrowhead CSD (Lake Arrowhead) • Lake Hemet MWD (Hemet) • Monte Vista WD (Montclair) • Rancho California WD (Temecula) • Riverside County FC & WCD (Riverside) • Riverside Public Utilities (Riverside) • San Bernardino Valley MWD (San Bernardino) • San Bernardino Valley WCD (Redlands) • San Gorgonio Pass WA (Beaumont) • Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (Riverside) • West Valley WD (Rialto) • Western MWD (Riverside) 	<p>Arid area which shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple Valley Foothill CWD (Apple Valley) • Apple Valley Heights CWD (Apple Valley) • Bard WD (Winterhaven) • Bear Valley Basin GSA (Big Bear City) • Big Bear CSD (Big Bear City) • Big Bear MWD (Big Bear City) • Coachella Valley WD (Coachella) • Coachella Water Authority (Coachella) • Desert Water Agency (Palm Springs) • Hi-Desert WD (Yucca Valley) • Idyllwild WD (Idyllwild) • Imperial ID (Imperial) • Joshua Basin WD (Joshua Tree) • Mariana Ranchos CWD (Apple Valley) • Mission Springs WD (Desert Hot Springs) • Mojave Water Agency (Apple Valley) • Palo Verde ID (Blythe) • Pinyon Pines CWD (Mountain Center) • Twentynine Palms WD (Twentynine Palms)
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Meetings

The region will hold at least quarterly meetings, including the ACWA spring and fall conferences.

The Region 9 board will set all region meetings.

Any member wanting to add an agenda item for consideration at any Region 9 meeting must submit the information to be discussed at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to the region chair to ensure that both sides of the issue will be present for consideration and understanding. However, a majority vote of those present, after a quorum is established, may provide for immediate consideration of an issue.

Attendance

If a region chair or vice chair is no longer allowed to serve on the Board of Directors due to his / her attendance, the region board shall appoint from the existing region board a new region officer. (ACWA Policy & Guideline Q, 1.)

If a region chair or vice chair misses three consecutive region board / membership meetings, the same process shall be used to backfill the region officer position. (ACWA Policy & Guideline Q, 1.)

If a region board member has three consecutive unexcused absences from a region board meeting or general membership business meeting, the region board will convene to discuss options for removal of the inactive board member. If the vacancy causes the board to fail to meet the minimum requirement of five board members, the region must fill the vacancy according to its rules and regulations. (ACWA Policy & Guideline Q, 3.)

Vacancy

Should a vacancy occur in the region chair position, the alternate chair shall assume the position.

Should a vacancy occur in the region vice chair position, the alternate vice chair shall assume the position.

When filling a chair or vice chair vacancy, where possible the board will fill the position with a candidate from the corresponding Arid or Western area.

Should a vacancy occur in either the alternate chair or the alternate vice chair positions, the region chair shall appoint a replacement from the remaining board members with concurrence from the region board.

Should a vacancy occur in any of the other three remaining board positions, the region chair shall appoint a replacement from a member agency within the appropriate designated area with concurrence from the region board.

Elections

All nominations received for the region chair, vice chair and board positions must be accompanied by a resolution of support from each sponsoring member agency, signed by an authorized representative of the Board of Directors. Only one individual may be nominated from a given agency to run for election to a region board. Agencies with representatives serving on the nominating committees should strive not to submit nominations for the region board from their agency. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 2.)

Election ballots will be e-mailed to ACWA member agency general managers and presidents.

The nominating committee shall consist of three to six individuals; and shall have the same number of members from each Western and Arid areas.

The nominating committee shall pursue qualified members within the region to run for the region board and consider geographic diversity, agency size and focus in selecting a slate.

See current region election timeline for specific dates.

Endorsements

ACWA, as a statewide organization, may endorse potential nominees and nominees for appointment to local, regional, and statewide commissions and boards. ACWA's regions may submit a recommendation for consideration and action to the ACWA Board of Directors to endorse a potential nominee or nominee for appointment to a local, regional or statewide commission or board. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 3.)

Committee Recommendations & Representation

All regions are given equal opportunity to recommend representatives of the region for appointment to a standing or regular committee of the Association. If a region fails to provide full representation on all ACWA committees, those committee slots will be left open for the remainder of the term or until such time as the region designates a representative to complete the remainder of the term. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 4. A.)

At the first region board / membership meeting of the term, regions shall designate a representative serving on each of the standing and regular committees to serve as the official reporter to and from the committee on behalf of the region to facilitate input and communication. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 4. B.)

The chair and vice chair shall make all committee appointment recommendations to the ACWA committees, to be ratified by the region board prior to submission to the ACWA president for consideration.

Tours

ACWA may develop and conduct various tours for the regions. All tour attendees must sign a "release and waiver" to attend any and all region tours. Attendees agree to follow environmental guidelines and regulations in accordance with direction from ACWA staff; and will respect the rights and privacy of other attendees. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 6.)

Finances

See "Financial Guidelines for ACWA Region Events" document.

Amending the Region Rules & Regulations

ACWA policies and guidelines can be amended by approval of the ACWA Board of Directors.

The Region 9 Rules & Regulations can be amended by a majority vote at any region meeting following advance written notice to member agencies.