

San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

DATE: April 7, 2025

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Lance Eckhart, General Manager

BY: Maricela V. Cabral, Exec. Asst./Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: **Consideration of Formal Endorsement of T. Milford Harrison Re-Election to the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance (ACWA JPIA) Executive Committee and Adoption of Resolution 2025-03**

RECOMMENDATION

No staff recommendation. Board discussion and consideration to either adopt resolution or take no action.

BACKGROUND

The Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) have formally requested SGPWA Board's support for their Board President, T. Milford Harrison, in his election to the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee.

Enclosed is a copy of SBVMWD Resolution No. 1190, formally endorsing Mr. Harrison's nomination, along with a letter of support from Mr. Harrison himself. In recognition of his dedication and contributions, SBVMWD respectfully requests SGPWA Board's formal endorsement of his service in this important role.

ANALYSIS

Frequently, candidates for the Executive Committee ask other members of the JPIA to submit resolutions of concurrence supporting their candidacy. During the election process, members are notified of these resolutions of concurrence for each of the candidates.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this endorsement.

ACTION

Adopt Resolution 2025-03, formally endorsing T. Milford Harrison' election to the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee or take no action.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Resolution 2025-03
2. Letter – SBVMWD, Heather Dyer, General Manager
3. SBVMWD Resolution 1190
4. T. Milford Harrison letter

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03

RESOLUTION OF SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCURRING IN NOMINATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY (“JPIA”)

WHEREAS, this Agency is a member of the JPIA; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to JPIA’s Executive Committee, three members districts must concur with the nominating district; and,

WHEREAS, another JPIA member district, the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District has requested that this Agency concur in its nomination of its member of the JPIA Board of Directors to the Executive Committee of the JPIA; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY does hereby concur with the nomination of T. Milford Harrison of San Bernardino Valley Municipal District to the Executive Committee of the JPIA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Deputy Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082, forthwith.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY Board of Directors at a regular meeting of said Board held on April 7, 2025.

Resolution No. 2025-03 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Mickey Valdivia
Board President

ATTEST:

Maricela V. Cabral
Deputy Secretary to the Board
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency



March 13, 2025

Mickey Valdivia, President
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
1210 Beaumont Ave
Beaumont, CA 92223

Sent via email: mvaldivia@sgpwa.com
mcabral@sgpwa.com

RE: Nomination of T. Milford Harrison for ACWA JPIA Executive Committee

Dear Mickey,

The Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District has nominated President T. Milford Harrison to be considered for the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee. Enclosed is a certified copy of Resolution No. 1190 nominating Mr. T. Milford Harrison to be considered for ACWA JPIA Executive Committee.

Beyond his technical expertise, Milford has demonstrated the ability to bring together stakeholders to develop solutions that benefit our region. His leadership in educating the public and our communities has brought about transparency regarding the importance of a reliable future water supply for California.

The District respectfully requests your organization consider adopting a concurring resolution of nomination in support of Mr. Harrison. Enclosed is a sample concurring resolution for your consideration in support of his nomination or it can be found at <https://www.acwajpia.com/election/>. Since time is of the essence, and this will require Board action, please include this on your agenda for your next Board meeting. Please send a certified copy to:

Laura Baryak
ACWA JPIA
P. O. Box 619082
Roseville, CA 95661-9082

and

Jose Macedo
380 East Vanderbilt Way
San Bernardino, CA 92408

This resolution must be received by ACWA JPIA no later than Saturday, April 12, 2025.

Very Respectfully,

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 1190

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
NOMINATING ITS JPIA BOARD MEMBER T. MILFORD
HARRISON TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES JOINT
POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY ("JPIA")**

WHEREAS, this district is a member district of the JPIA that participates in all four of its Programs: Liability, Property, Workers' Compensation, and Employee Benefits; and

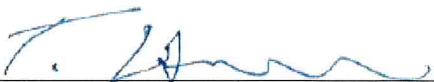
WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to JPIA's Executive Committee, the member district must place into nomination its member of the JPIA Board of Directors for such open position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District that its member of the JPIA Board of Directors, T. Milford Harrison be nominated as a candidate for the Executive Committee for the election to be held during the JPIA's Spring 2025 Board of Directors' meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the JPIA staff is hereby requested, upon receipt of the formal concurrence of three other member districts to affect such nomination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082, forthwith.

ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2025.



T. Milford Harrison, President

ATTEST:



Heather Dyer, Secretary

Please consider the following request:

Nine years ago, I had was given the privilege of joining the Board of the San Bernardino Valley Conservation District alongside Melody McDonald. In a very short time, I began to learn about the incredible benefits provided to the various Districts who had joined ACWA-JPIA. The advantages offered by JPIA became even clearer as my experience and knowledge of the organization increased.

Several years later I was elected to the Board of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, a State Water Contractor, and became President. I quickly learned that my new District only carried Workers' Comp coverage from JPIA. Based on my previous experience in the insurance business, and as a Mayor, Chief of Staff for two County Supervisors and Executive Director of San Bernardino International Airport I could clearly see the advantages that JPIA offered our water district.

Once I was able to convince our Administration and Board of these advantages, we turned to ACWA-JPIA for all our insurance needs, and we have reaped the benefits ever since! Peter Kuchinsky and his associates came to our District office and went through every aspect of our operation. They made many suggestions and as a result we made many changes. One major change was to eliminate the multi-million-dollar fund being held for our liability self-insurance! We subsequently used that fund to further enhance water storage and delivery.

I believe that my experience in water delivery and operations plus my insurance responsibilities in various government positions, has helped me acquire the knowledge and background necessary to serve on the ACWA-JPIA Executive Committee. I have actively served as a JPIA Director or Alternate for nine years and have been a diligent supporter and promoter of the organization as well as its California Water Insurance Fund. I have also served on various ACWA Committees during this time.

It would be an honor and privilege to have the support, by resolution, of your District and your vote at the ACWA-JPIA Conference in May.

Thank you,

T. Milford Harrison