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Community Water Systems Alliance

COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS ALLIANCE

September 9, 2025

Dr. Tim Worley, Managing Director



OUR INCEPTION

- ▶ Launched in 2019 - CalMutuals umbrella
 - ▶ New voice for smaller, older, poorer water systems
- Main focus :
- opposition to a proposed meter tax
 - invalidation of Chromium -6 standards



WHERE WE ARE NOW

- Major voice of smaller communities on statewide issues
- Regional issues other water associations won't take up

Mission Statement

To galvanize *a clear and compelling voice* for water systems that serve or want to support *small and disadvantaged communities* by advocating for their needs and issues.





OUR MEMBERS

- ▶ All sizes – small retailers to large, regional agencies
- ▶ Members from the Coachella Valley, San Joaquin Valley, Orange County and Santa Cruz County
- ▶ Large helping small... all for one and one for all

PRIORITIES

Legislative & Regulatory

Chromium -6: SB 466 (Caballero); Judicial review

Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act: Reasonable Implementation

State Drought Resilience “DRIP Collaborative”

Regional Issues

Cr-6 Funding Coalition

Western Joshua Tree Coalition

LA County Small Water System Workgroup

Water Affordability

Independent Assessment – Cr-6 Household Affordability

Advocacy on Drinking Water SRF Intended Use Plan

Large Helping Small

Case Studies of Agency Successes

Tour for SWRCB Member Laurel Firestone



OUR WORK

Affordability and Financial Needs Assessment for California's Proposed MCL for Hexavalent Chromium

Final Report
November 16, 2023

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The Community Water System Alliance
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August 25, 2025

The Honorable Mike McGuire
Senate President pro Tempore
California State Senate

The Honorable Robert Rivas
Speaker of the Assembly
California State Assembly

The Honorable Scott Wiener
Chair, Senate Budget Committee
California State Senate

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
California State Assembly

The Honorable Ben Allen
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee 2
California State Senate

The Honorable Steve Bennett
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee 4
California State Assembly

Dear pro Tem McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Senator Wiener, Assemblymember Gabriel, Senator Allen, and Assemblymember Bennett:

REGIONAL ISSUES



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ENVIRONMENT

Thieves are stealing California's scarce water. Where's it going? Illegal marijuana farms

BY JULIE CART JULY 20, 2021

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Thieves break into water stations that provide water to California's rural residents, like this one in Lancaster, located in Los Angeles County's Antelope Valley. Photo by Pablo Unzueta for CalMatters



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Subject: Western Joshua Tree Conservation Plan Comments

Director Bonham and Commission Members:
 request the Department of Fish and Wildlife ("Department") and the Fish and Wildlife Commission ("Commission") to prioritize collaboration with local governments and the Commission in the legislation¹ – before adoption of the final Western Joshua Tree Conservation Plan ("Plan") and allow at least 30 days for public comments on a revised draft. We

Western Joshua Tree

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