

West Orange County Water Board

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DATE: September 29, 2021

TO: West Orange County Water Board Directors

FROM: Alvin Papa, General Manager

SUBJECT: Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 10 Election

Statement of Issue:

West Orange County Water Board (WOCWB) vote for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 10 Election.

Recommended Action:

1. Designate the General Manager as the primary authorized representative to submit the WOCWB vote for the ACWA Region 10 Election;
2. Designate the Staff Liaison as the alternate authorized representative to submit the WOCWB vote for the ACWA Region 10 Election; and
3. Provide staff direction regarding the WOCWB candidate selection for the ACWA Region 10 election.

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve the recommended action and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

ACWA is a statewide coalition of more than 460 public agency members collectively responsible for 90% of the water delivered to cities, farms, and businesses in California. ACWA's mission is to provide comprehensive leadership, advocacy, and resources for California public water agencies to ensure a high quality and reliable water supply in and environmentally sustainable and fiscally responsible manner.

ACWA's membership is organized into ten (10) hydrologic regions. The regional structure unites members around geography and shared interests and challenges. Regions play an important role in supporting ACWA's goals, engaging in local outreach

efforts, and educating ACWA's membership through tours and events. The elected chair and vice chair of each Region Board sit on the ACWA Board of Directors.

ACWA Region Boards are comprised of 5-7 members that serve for 2-year terms. Region Board terms begin on even numbered years with Region Elections for the Region Board taking place on odd numbered years. The officers shall be a Chair, a Vice Chair, and three (3) to five (5) Board members elected by their region by September 30, or the preceding Friday if September 30 falls on a weekend. The officers of each Region Board take office on January 1 of the calendar year following the election and hold office for two (2) years.

WOCWB is a member of Region 10, which is comprised of Orange and San Diego counties and approximately 39 public water agencies that make up the region's membership. The region spans roughly 5,000 square miles and is home to a population of just over 6.2 million. As a member of Region 10, WOCWB is entitled to cast one vote. Electronic ballot submittal to ACWA is due September 30, 2021.

Staff is recommending that the Board designate the General Manager as the primary authorized representative to submit the WOCWB vote for the ACWA Region 10 Election Staff, with the Staff Liaison designated as the alternate.

Staff is also requesting direction for the ACWA Region 10 candidate selection. A copy of the official ballot from ACWA is attached for reference.

Attachment:

1. ACWA Region 10 Ballot