

West Orange County Water Board

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DATE: September 29, 2021

TO: West Orange County Water Board Directors

FROM: Alvin Papa, PE, General Manager

SUBJECT: Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Statewide Election

Statement of Issue:

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

Recommended Action:

1. Designate the General Manager as the primary authorized representative to submit the WOCWB vote for the ACWA Statewide Election;
2. Designate the Staff Liaison as the alternate authorized representative to submit the WOCWB vote for the ACWA Statewide Election; and
3. Provide staff direction regarding the WOCWB candidate selection for the ACWA Statewide 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 an environmentally sustainable and fiscally responsible manner.

On June 1, 2021, ACWA released a Call for Candidates Nominations for ACWA President and Vice President for the 2022-23 term, with nominations due on September 1, 2021. At the time of their election, the President and Vice President will each be an

elected or appointed member of the governing body or commission of a member agency of the Association. The slate of officers will be announced at the September 24, 2021 ACWA Board of Directors' meeting. In October, official ballots along with notices will be provided to the each voting member regarding the election procedures. Elections are scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, 2021, during ACWA's 2021 Fall Conference & Exhibition. As a member of ACWA, WOCWB is entitled to cast one vote.

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

Staff is also requesting direction regarding the ACWA Statewide candidate selection. WOCWB meetings are held quarterly. The next regular meeting is scheduled on December 15, 2021—which is after the election. As such, staff recommends one of the following options:

1. Direct staff to vote for known candidates supported by WOCWB; or
2. Direct staff to convene a special meeting after official ballots are received; or
3. Direct staff not to vote.

Attachments:

n/a