

ACWAFACTS 2023

ACWA is the largest statewide association of public water agencies in the nation, representing more than 460 public agency members. Since its inception in 1910, ACWA has served as a guiding force in California water policy, advancing comprehensive statewide strategies to meet the state's future water needs.

ACWA's member agencies are responsible for 90% of the water delivered to California communities, farms and businesses. Together, members play an active role in managing the state's water resources and creating progress in groundwater management, safe drinking water, water use efficiency, water recycling and desalination.

ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR CALIFORNIA

ACWA shapes strong policy positions to support comprehensive solutions to California's water challenges. Throughout the years, the association has helped lead California into a new era in water management, where local, state and federal agencies work together toward a diversified, sustainable water system.

ACWA staff advocates each year on a number of legislative and regulatory priorities in collaboration with policy committees and working groups. Among some of the 2022 highlights are:

- Advocated for funding solutions in Sacramento, helping to secure \$3 billion in 2022 to be spread over three years in funding for water infrastructure and drought resilience projects.
- At the federal level, helped secure \$4 billion in 2022 through the Inflation Reduction Act to alleviate the effects of drought through water use efficiency, habitat restoration and mitigation efforts.
- Provided input to the Newsom Administration in 2022 to inform the development of the California Water Supply Strategy, including the need for comprehensive actions that include water supply development and considerations for short-term water use efficiency targets.
- Updated policy principles on climate change, to advocate on solutions and strategies to meet the water needs of California's communities, economy and the environment through the 21st Century.
- Launched a statewide public information campaign to raise awareness among Californians about the importance and positive benefits of investing in water infrastructure.



DIVERSE MEMBERSHIP, ACTIVE LEADERS

ACWA members are cities, counties and special districts that provide drinking water and irrigation water for homes, businesses and farms. Member agencies support communities and protect public health by providing services ranging from water treatment and delivery to waste water treatment, flood control and groundwater management. Individuals at these agencies help shape ACWA by serving on the association's 10 standing committees, numerous subcommittees and workgroups, 10 Region Boards and a 37-member Board of Directors.