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The National Water Resources Association (NWRA) is a federation of state associations formed to advocate federal policies, legislation, and regulations promoting protection, management, development, and beneficial use of water resources.

7.5.1 Purpose

The purpose of the National Water Resources Association is to assist in the Association's work toward the development, protection and management of water resources throughout the west.

7.5.2 Governance/Representation

As set forth in the NWRA Bylaws, California is allowed four positions on its Board of Directors as well as a position on the Policy Development Committee. Three of the four NWRA Board positions and their alternates will be appointed by the Association's President. The fourth position will be an *ex officio* position filled by the Association's Federal Affairs Committee Chair, with the Vice Chair of the Federal Affairs Committee serving as the alternate.

The Association's Executive Director or designee will serve as the Association's representative to the Policy Development Committee. The Association's Director of Federal Relations will serve as an alternate to that committee. The second alternate to the Policy Development Committee will be designated by the Executive Director.

The Association's Executive Director will serve on the State Executive's Council. The Executive Director may also serve on the NWRA Board of Directors as a representative of the State Executives Council.

7.5.2.1 Term

The three at-large and three alternate Board positions will be for the same two-year term as that of the NWRA Board, which begins with January of the odd-numbered years. The Federal Affairs Committee Chair position will be on the Association's Board of Directors' cycle, which begins with January of the even-numbered year.

7.5.2.2 Reporting

The Federal Affairs Committee Chair will provide reports to the Committee and the Board regarding the NWRA and its activities.

7.5.3 Payment/Collection of Dues

Consistent with Board action in November 2012, the Association pays the annual NWRA dues on behalf of California and seeks voluntary contributions from its members to offset approximately one-half of the

annual dues payment. Member agencies who voluntarily contribute to these NWRA offsets are referred to as “contributing agencies.”

7.5.4 Appointment Process

The Association’s President will appoint the California representatives on the NWRA Board of Directors, committees, and task forces in consultation with the Executive Director. The three at-large representatives and alternates to the NWRA Board of Directors will be individuals associated with the “contributing agencies,” and will submit written confirmation to the Executive Director that the agency will support the NWRA activities of the selected representatives. The President will appoint representatives from California who will: (1) commit to attending NWRA meetings; (2) have their respective district pay their travel, lodging and related expenses; and (3) collectively represent ACWA’s membership, both geographically and with balance amongst urban and agricultural perspectives. The Board will ratify the President’s appointments.

References:

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