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The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Foundation (hereinafter “Foundation”) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation formed by the Association on October 3, 2022.

7.6.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Foundation is to be to serve California residents by (i) promoting diversity, equity and inclusion within the water industry (ii) through education, research, and workforce development (iii) funding scholarships and tuition reimbursement in support of education related to the water industry and (iv) carrying on other charitable and educational activities associated with these purposes as allowed by law.

7.6.2 Governance/Representation

The Foundation is governed by its Board of Trustees as established by its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

7.6.2.1 Number and Qualification of Trustees

The first Board of Trustees for the Foundation will consist of nine individuals. Subsequent Boards will consist of at least seven but not more than eleven trustees. The Foundation Board will fix the exact number of trustees by adopted resolution from time to time, within the limits set forth in its Bylaws. The qualifications for designation as a trustee will include, but not be limited to:

- Experience with non-profit organizations
- Experience in education, training, mentoring or academia
- Represents underserved communities
- Experience with fundraising or finance
- Background in human resources and workforce development
- Experience in the water industry

When designating trustees to the Board, the ACWA Board and the Board of Trustees will seek to promote diversity in the makeup of the Board (e.g. generational, gender, racial, geographic, etc.).

7.6.2.2 Designation of Trustees

Subsequent to the first Board of trustees, the trustees will be designated by the Board of Trustees at any regular or special meeting of the Board subject to ratification by the ACWA Board at any regular or special meeting of the ACWA Board.

7.6.2.3 *Ex Officio Nonvoting Representatives on the Board*

The Executive Director of the Association, or his/her designee, will be an *ex officio* nonvoting representative of the Association on the Foundation Board. The ACWA Board may designate such other *ex officio* nonvoting representatives to the Foundation Board as deemed appropriate.

7.6.2.4 *Term of Office*

Trustees will hold office for three years and until a successor has been designated and qualified. Provided, however, that with respect to the first Board, five trustees shall serve for three years and four trustees shall serve for two years, with the determination of which trustees will serve which terms to be determined by the ACWA Board. Trustees may serve a maximum of three consecutive three-year terms provided, however, that any trustee who serves a term of less than three full years will not count that partial term against the three consecutive term limit.

References:

ACWA Foundation Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

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