



2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



Reflecting on a Historic Year

DAVE EGGERTON

Executive Director

Accomplishments achieved through collaboration within the ACWA community filled one of the most important years in our association's history.

It's impossible to overstate why: you. Time and again, association members stepped up by volunteering their time on workgroups, committees, region boards and the ACWA Board of Directors itself. The ability of this organization to unite thought leaders from throughout California's water community made possible every hard-won success outlined in this summary of ACWA's 2023 accomplishments.

There were many, across every level of your association, from our core mission of advocating on your behalf in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to organizing highly successful events and growing ACWA's public agency membership to an all-time high of 470.

Each accomplishment deserves a place at the top of any list of ACWA's successes during 2023.

Looking at it chronologically, the year opened with a tough situation in California's capital where state legislative efforts aimed to fundamentally change the state's long-standing water rights system. ACWA led a broad coalition that prevailed in our opposition through a combination of strong member agency and partner engagement and the incredibly hard work of our advocacy team. While that issue is likely to return in 2024, our collaborative advocacy work puts us in the best possible position to prevail during this year.

Likewise, we are also working with our water industry partners and others on the federal and state levels to secure additional funding for water infrastructure. On the federal level, we supported continued allocation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act to advance California water projects and water supply reliability, amounting to roughly \$2 billion toward clean water and water infrastructure during 2023 alone.

Back in Sacramento, ACWA identified a solid list of priority infrastructure investments through a large workgroup, which informed advocacy toward a possible water and climate resilience bond on this year's November ballot. Complementing this ongoing work, the association's award-winning Quench California campaign continued educating people about the vital need for infrastructure investment and how it affects them locally and statewide.

Meanwhile, our state regulatory team led a coalition of dozens of agencies and organizations advocating on the State Water Resource Control Board's draft Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulation. Thanks to the coalition's efforts, ACWA was able to submit a comment letter with more than 100 signatories to the State Water Board while rallying members to attend a pivotal October meeting that demonstrated the water community's united position on this important topic.

Our state regulatory team also successfully advocated for numerous exemption pathways that were incorporated into the California Air Resources Board's Advanced Clean Fleet Regulation. As a result, public water agencies will have greater flexibility in managing their vehicle fleets as the state adapts to climate change.

Meanwhile, an outstanding series of ACWA region events, organized through collaboration between ACWA region boards and staff, connected our membership with the work of their colleagues throughout the state.

We also revamped our election process, leading to the highest voter engagement in recent association history. And responding to your input on ACWA conferences, we redesigned our conference schedule and rolled out a well-received list of new features at our 2023 Fall Conference & Expo in Indian Wells.

As we enter 2024, the state of your association is growing stronger and more effective. It's been a historic year to reflect upon, due in no small part to the dedication of every member of the ACWA community.

2023 ACWA HIGHLIGHTS

ACWA staff continued to engage with members, policymakers, media and other partners to deliver impactful results on behalf of member agencies as the California water industry continues to take a lead role in adapting to a new climate reality.

SOCIAL PRESENCE



20,479

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

TOTAL ENGAGEMENT

8,039

Engagements include likes, comments and shares on posts.

TOTAL IMPRESSIONS

251,651

This is how many times our content was displayed across all social channels.

WHO WE ARE



PUBLIC AGENCY MEMBERS

470

216

ASSOCIATES

19

AFFILIATES

ADVOCACY



150

MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATED IN ACWA-LED COALITIONS



108

WATER-RELATED BILLS TRACKED



65

BILLS TAKEN POSITION



175

POSITION & COMMENT LETTERS SUBMITTED



156

MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN OUTREACH PROGRAM



323*

MEMBER INTERACTIONS ON KEY BILLS

**Only interactions submitted to ACWA*

EDUCATION



5 ANNUAL EVENTS

Spring Conference & Expo

Fall Conference & Expo

D.C. Conference

Legislative Symposium

CLE Workshop



3

WEBINARS



8

IN-PERSON REGION EVENTS

TOP 4

ADVOCACY ISSUES

Water Rights/Local Control of Water

Water Use Efficiency/Supply Reliability

Water Infrastructure Funding

Climate Resilience

MEMBER COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT



7

TOOLKITS DEVELOPED



57

ALERTS & ADVISORIES DISTRIBUTED



6

LEADERSHIP TO LEADERSHIP MEETINGS



160

MEMBER MEETINGS

MEDIA PRESENCE



31

NEWS MEDIA INTERVIEWS

163

MENTIONS IN NEWS MEDIA



17

NEWS RELEASES



STRATEGIC PLAN CORE ELEMENT: ADVOCACY

Advocate for member interests on legislation, regulations and funding.

Advocacy Wins

ACWA staff advocated on a number of legislative and regulatory issues in collaboration with ACWA policy committees and working groups. The following are a few highlights of work accomplished during 2023 in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. on key issues of importance for ACWA member agencies.

WATER RIGHTS

- **Advocacy:** Built and led a large coalition in opposition to three landmark water rights bills in the California Legislature that would have fundamentally changed the state's longstanding water rights system.
- **Result:** Stopped two proposals that became two-year bills while successfully negotiating amendments to the third proposal, allowing ACWA to move to a neutral position. The latter bill was signed into law and allows the State Water Resources Control Board to request information from a water right holder.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Advocacy:** Supported four climate resilience bond proposals (with amendments) and Gov. Gavin Newsom's infrastructure permit streamlining proposals, which reflected goals in ACWA-sponsored legislation. Also supported continued allocation of federal spending through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act to advance California water projects and water supply reliability.
- **Result:** The year ended with further momentum toward a climate resilience bond that could include funding for various water and natural resources issues in areas that align with ACWA priorities. The year also saw the allocation of \$2 billion in federal spending for clean water and water infrastructure in California.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER

- **Advocacy:** Opposed legislation seeking to create new and burdensome hurdles to obtaining groundwater well permits.
- **Results:** Legislation stopped in Legislature.

BAY DELTA

- **Advocacy:** Worked to stop legislation that would require the State Water Board to adopt a final update of the Bay-Delta before considering any water rights permit, which would have effectively prohibited operation of the Delta Conveyance Project until the updated Bay-Delta Plan is fully implemented while also delaying advancement of a Delta solution for water supply reliability and Delta ecosystem enhancements.
- **Results:** Legislation stopped in Legislature.
- **Advocacy:** ACWA supported a bill that proposed to restore funding for the Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (formerly referred to as the Voluntary Agreements) that had been rescinded.
- **Results:** It was enacted and the funding was restored.

WATER USE EFFICIENCY

- **Advocacy:** Led negotiations on amending legislation that proposed to ban irrigation of nonfunctional turf with potable water.
- **Results:** Legislation signed into law after ACWA obtained numerous amendments that ensure implementation in a way that increases water savings while protecting the importance of green spaces in communities.

FORECASTING AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION

- **Advocacy:** Supported enactment of legislation to reframe and update state law regarding improvement of flood protection and reoperation of storage facilities for the capture of water generated by atmospheric rivers.
- **Result:** Legislation signed and through a coalition successfully obtained \$10 million in the state budget for atmospheric rivers research.

LEAD TESTING

- **Advocacy:** Opposed legislation that would have established a new program for the testing for lead in drinking water at public schools, even though testing has already been conducted under existing law. A revised federal regulation, expected to go into effect in 2024, will also require testing. ACWA requested that the governor veto the bill.
- **Result:** Legislation vetoed by Gov. Newsom.

ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES

- **Advocacy:** ACWA successfully secured amendments to legislation and led a coalition in support of it that called for numerous exemption pathways that were incorporated into the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Advanced Clean Fleet Regulation. ACWA's long-term regulatory advocacy with CARB complemented this work, with the aim of giving public water agencies flexibility when available vehicles models do not meet fleet needs, and when charging infrastructure is not yet available for use.
- **Result:** Legislation signed into law.



Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources

ACWA Leads Coalition to Help Shape Water Use Efficiency Regulations

The State Water Resources Control Board in 2023 initiated the formal rulemaking for Making Conservation a California Way of Life and released draft regulatory text intended to implement AB 1668 and SB 606 (signed into law in 2018).

Under the proposed regulation, urban retail water suppliers – not individual households or businesses – will be required to meet annual “urban water use objectives.” An urban water use objective is a water budget that is the sum of efficiency standards for a subset of urban water uses, such as residential outdoor use and indoor use, along with unique local service area characteristics such as population, climate and landscape area.

ACWA, its member agencies and coalition partners have been highly engaged on the state’s pre-rulemaking efforts, advocating for a final regulation that is feasible, cost-effective and does not impair water agencies’ ability to make long-term investments for climate resilience.

ACWA led several member working groups to review technical aspects of the proposed regulation and submitted a coalition letter with proposed redline changes with more than 100 logos to the State Water Board. ACWA staff also participated in recurring meetings with State Water Board staff and other interested parties to discuss changes to the draft regulation.

Working group meetings, coalition coordination and advocacy will be ongoing as the State Water Board is expected to adopt the regulation in summer 2024.



STRATEGIC PLAN CORE ELEMENT: RESOURCES

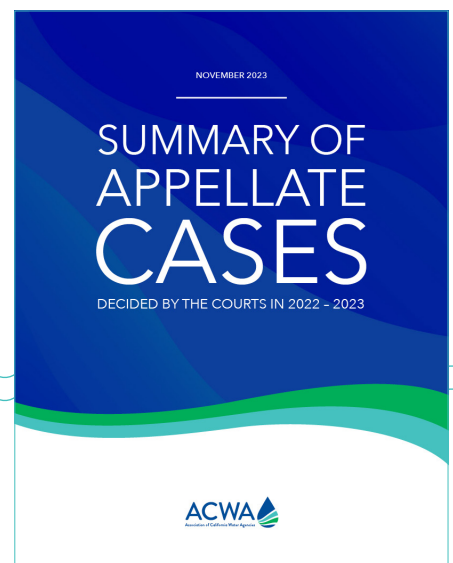
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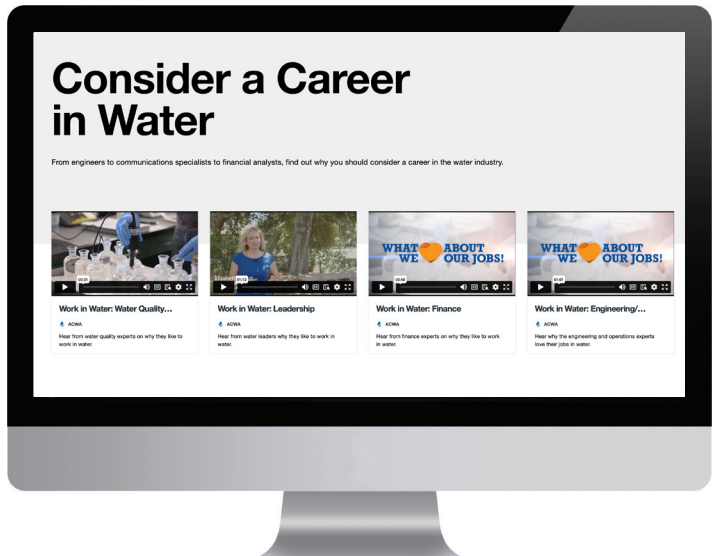
Tools and Resources

ACWA compiled a number of resources throughout the year to support and assist member agencies. Here are some of the resources released in 2023.

- In partnership with ACWA JPIA, ACWA developed and distributed a recruitment toolkit to help water agencies overcome recruitment challenges as more employees become eligible to retire. The toolkit provided ACWA members with new ways to promote job opportunities and highlight water career opportunities.
- In support of legislative and regulatory advocacy efforts, ACWA created a number of resources, including talking points and fact sheets to help member agencies in their education and outreach efforts. For example, staff created a call-to-action handout that provided an overview of the State Water Resources Control Board's draft Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulations and instructions for how to provide oral and written comments to the State Water Board.
- To help members participate in the Quench California campaign, a number of toolkits included social media graphics, sample social posts, fact sheets, a website widget and other items.
- Customizable social media graphics and posts were included in the annual Water Professionals Appreciation Week toolkit.
- The annual "2023 Summary of Legislation" booklet includes information on legislation that was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom that will impact ACWA members. Code sections and bill and chapter numbers are provided for each measure for reference.
- The annual "2023 Summary of Appellate Cases" highlights 2022-'23 court decisions that might be of interest to member agencies and their legal counsel.

➔ Access these resources at www.acwa.com/resources.





➤ ACWA continues to produce customizable tools for member agencies to utilize. Access the above resources and more at www.acwa.com/resources.

Take Advantage of Member Resources

ACWA ALERTS & ADVISORIES

www.acwa.com/alerts-advisories

Receive timely updates on legislative, regulatory and communications related topics.

ACWA TOOLKITS

www.acwa.com/resources

Toolkits are produced throughout the year to help member agencies educate and inform others about high priority water issues.

ACWA ENEWS

www.acwa.com/subscribe-to-enews

Weekly e-newsletter that highlights water news and upcoming events.

ACWA NEWS

www.acwa.com/newsroom

Monthly newsletter with water industry and member agency news and features.

EVENTS

www.acwa.com/events

Share and view upcoming water industry related events.

INNOVATION

www.acwa.com/innovation

See examples of exceptional work being done by ACWA members that drive the water industry forward.

WEBINARS

www.acwa.com/resources

Purchase ACWA webinars, recorded conference sessions and printed publications.

OTHER RESOURCES

www.acwa.com

Summary of Legislation, Summary of Appellate Cases, monthly Priority Issues Update, Federal Regulatory Issues chart, Regulatory Roundup and much more throughout the website.



STRATEGIC PLAN CORE ELEMENT: CONNECTION

Build strong, lasting and trusted partnerships that provide interconnectivity among all sectors of the water industry.

ACWA Events

ACWA helped members connect throughout the year by hosting events in nearly every corner of California. This included its two signature conferences, but also events hosted by each of the association's 10 regions.

The ACWA Spring Conference & Expo in Monterey drew more than 1,570 attendees and the ACWA Fall Conference & Expo in Indian Wells hosted an even larger attendance of 1,773 attendees. The latter debuted several new and improved features that will enhance the value of conferences, such as having all meals as program-free opportunities for networking, refreshed programming that highlighted 30-minute case studies and a Main Stage for keynote addresses and other popular presentations open to all.

ACWA also opened the year with annual events such as its ACWA D.C. Conference, where 142 people gathered to learn about California water from a federal perspective. Meanwhile, ACWA's Legislative Symposium attracted 136 people to Sacramento for an insider's look at water issues topping the list in the state capital.

Some additional highlights include:

- The association's first virtual **"ACWA President and Vice President Candidates' Town Hall"** in July
- A live webinar in October titled, **"A Conversation on AI-Driven Communications for Water Agencies"**
- A three-part **CLE Virtual Workshop Series** in September that offered continuing legal education credit on topics ranging from DEI to bidding and eminent domain

- A live webinar hosted by Region 3 titled, **"Navigating WUE: Exploring the Challenges of Water Use Efficiency Regulations in California's Mountain Counties"**

ACWA experienced a phenomenal year with eight in-person ACWA region events:

- Region 9 hosted a **Salton Sea Tour** and program
- Region 2 hosted a program and tour titled, **"Sites Reservoir, a Resilient Water Supply for California's Future"**
- Region 10 hosted a program and tour of the **Pure Water Oceanside** facility
- Region 8 hosted a program and tour that included a panel discussion titled, **"Perpetual Water Shortage and What Does it Mean?"**
- Region 1 hosted a program and **tour of the Geysers Geothermal Operation**, the largest electrical generation facility of its kind in the world
- Region 5 hosted a program and tour that **explored regional water solutions pursued by Alameda County Water District**
- Region 4 hosted a program and **tour of the Bay-Delta's C.W. "Bill" Jones Pumping Plant**
- Region 6 and Region 7 hosted a program and tour titled, **"Exploring Resilience: Navigating Flooding Impacts and Recharge Projects in the San Joaquin Valley"**



Joining Forces With Our Partners

ACWA frequently partners with other groups and associations to strengthen state and federal advocacy on issues of common interest. Some of the partnerships are solidified into standing coalitions and others are created on an as-needed basis. ACWA also partners with other groups and associations on education and communications issues. To the right are some of ACWA's key partners from 2023.



Awards

ACWA recognizes its members' achievements throughout the year by showcasing their outstanding efforts and dedication to advancing the California water industry.

➔ [Learn more at www.acwa.com/awards](http://www.acwa.com/awards)

Excellence in Water Leadership Recognizing individuals who have made a remarkable and visible contribution to California water. Ed Pedrazzi <i>Operations and Maintenance Manager Vallecitos Water District</i>			Clair A. Hill Recognizing exemplary programs developed by ACWA member agencies. SCV Water's Valley Center Well Groundwater Treatment Facility								
John P. Fraser Emissary Award Recognizing remarkable contributions to California water through voluntary service to ACWA. Edgar Dymally <i>Senior Environmental Scientist Metropolitan Water District of Southern California</i>			Excellence in Innovation Award Recognizing innovations by member agencies that continue to move the water industry forward. Orange County Water District's expanded Groundwater Replenishment System (GRS)								
 Excellence in Communication Award Recognizing outstanding achievements by public water agencies in communicating with customers, legislators, media, the public and others. Irvine Ranch Water District's "Shed Show" video series		Outreach Awards Recognizing the most active ACWA member agencies in each region, as well as an overall winner, through the Outreach Awards Program. <table border="0"> <tr> <td><i>Overall Outreach Award:</i></td> <td><i>Rising Star:</i></td> <td><i>Most Active Small Agency:</i></td> <td><i>Federal Issue Award:</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Three Valleys Municipal Water District</td> <td>McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency</td> <td>Three Valleys Municipal Water District</td> <td>Sonoma Water</td> </tr> </table> 		<i>Overall Outreach Award:</i>	<i>Rising Star:</i>	<i>Most Active Small Agency:</i>	<i>Federal Issue Award:</i>	Three Valleys Municipal Water District	McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Three Valleys Municipal Water District	Sonoma Water
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STRATEGIC PLAN CORE ELEMENT: EDUCATION

Invest in California's water future by providing opportunities through education, information and professional development for ACWA members, staff, community leaders and the public.

QuenchCA Campaign Continues Statewide Education About Infrastructure

ACWA's statewide public education campaign, Quench California, continued to raise awareness among Californians about the importance and positive benefits of investing in water infrastructure.

The award-winning QuenchCA campaign produced three toolkits in 2023 that provided member agencies and other industry partners with attractive social media graphics, recommended post language, customizable newsletter articles, and an infographic and flyer to utilize in communicating with customers.

The campaign also launched a digital advertising partnership opportunity for member agencies. Under this partnership, campaign consultants develop customized digital ads that meet the member's goals and a strategy for most effective placement within the agency's service area. Members paid only for the ad placement.

The campaign will continue in 2024 with continued emphasis on industry partnerships, more tools for members and more advertising partnership opportunities.



➤ For more information about how to utilize the campaign, visit www.QuenchCA.com/partnerships.

Leadership to Leadership

ACWA coordinated six Leadership to Leadership virtual meetings, attracting more than 120 participants and giving them an opportunity to share common issues of concern, challenges and successes with association leadership.

Discussions occurred throughout the year and included topics such as water rights legislation, legislative strategy, water use efficiency regulations, offshore desalination, federal affairs, flood control, habitat conservation and bond funding.



ACWA Foundation Celebrates First Year, Awards Scholarships

The ACWA Foundation made big strides in 2023, including launching an organized fund-raising campaign and adopting a strategic plan. But perhaps its most proud accomplishment was awarding \$50,000 in scholarships to eight first-generation college students.

Criteria for selection included students' interest in the water community, financial need, academic excellence and career goals. Four students were awarded \$10,000 scholarships and four were awarded \$2,500 scholarships.

Through the scholarship program, the foundation hopes to support students, attract them to the water industry and connect them to career pathways. The ACWA Foundation was formed by the ACWA Board of Directors in 2022 to provide a nonprofit, tax-exempt structure to solicit funds to educate, mentor and invest in the next generation of water leaders. The ACWA Foundation and its Board of Trustees operate separately and independently from ACWA and its Board of Directors.

➤ For more information about the foundation, visit www.acwa-foundation.org.



ACWA FOUNDATION

Scholarships

ACWA supports and encourages future water leaders through its scholarship program. In 2023, \$34,500 in scholarships and a fellowship was awarded to exceptional students. ACWA administers the Edward G. "Jerry" Gladbach scholarship on behalf of SCV Water and the Arthur L. Littleworth BBK Diversity scholarship on behalf of BBK. The Clair A. Hill scholarship is sponsored by Jacobs.

➤ Learn more at www.acwa.com/scholarships



ACWA SCHOLARSHIP
(\$3,500)
Riley Milligan
California State University,
Long Beach



ACWA SCHOLARSHIP
(\$3,500)
Joseph Silvi
University of California,
Berkeley



**EDWARD G. "JERRY"
GLADBACH SCHOLARSHIP**
(\$2,500)
Elizabeth Pena
University of California,
Davis



CLAIR A. HILL SCHOLARSHIP
(\$5,000)
Maggie Usher
Cal Poly San Luis
Obispo



**ARTHUR L. LITTLEWORTH BBK
DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP**
(\$10,000 over four years)
Mallory Sutherland
California State University,
Fresno



**STEPHEN K. HALL WATER LAW
& POLICY SCHOLARSHIP**
(\$10,000)
Lili Vassereau
Harvard Kennedy
School



**JOHN P. FRASER WATER
LEADERS FELLOWSHIP**
(up to \$5,250)
Joel Metzger
General Manager, Utica
Water and Power Authority



STRATEGIC PLAN CORE ELEMENT: ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTH

Foster a collaborative and mutually respectful culture to ensure a positive experience for ACWA members and staff and continually invest in the financial health and organizational well-being of the association.

ACWA Updates Elections Process

As a result of bylaw changes approved by the membership, ACWA in 2023 initiated new processes and a new timeline for ACWA members to elect the President and Vice President. It also changed some of the deadlines for the 10 region board elections, so that the two separate elections could run concurrently.

The biggest change to electing new leadership was eliminating voting during the association's fall conference in place of a longer period of online voting (or mailed paper ballots if requested). The web-based online voting system was managed by an independent contractor that tabulated the votes and provided verified and confidential results in a timely manner.

Other changes included listing all the qualified candidates on the ballot and inviting all candidates

to participate in a town hall style webinar in which members were able to ask the candidates questions. In addition, ACWA created dedicated pages on its website to explain the new voting process and share candidates' statements of qualifications.

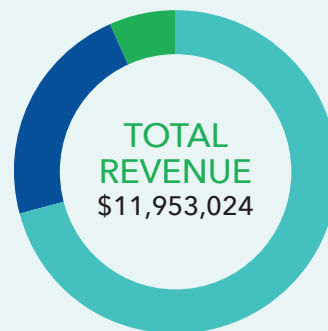
A post-election survey showed overwhelmingly positive feedback for the new online process. There were 233 ballots cast for the election of officers, which is believed to be the largest turnout on record for an ACWA election. There were 132 ballots cast in the separate region board elections, which is also a higher-than-average turnout.

➤ For more information about the changes to the election process, visit www.acwa.com/elections.

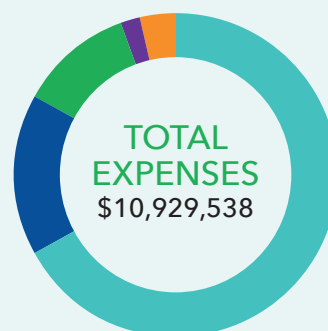
Financial Highlights

In 2023, ACWA took additional steps to strengthen the long-term financial health of the organization. Based on the recommendations and guidance of the association's Finance Committee and the leadership of its Board of Directors, ACWA:

- Continued additional quarterly payments to CalPERS to pay down the unfunded liability.
- Received a clean opinion with minimal adjustments on the annual financial audit.
- Generated more than \$125,000 in spring conference sponsorships and \$149,000 in fall conference sponsorships, representing significant year-to-year gains.
- Generated about \$60,000 in non-dues revenue through ACWA's Preferred Provider program.



- Dues
\$8,473,783 (70.9%)
- Conference / Seminars
\$2,702,944 (22.6%)
- Other
\$776,296 (6.5%)



- Salaries / Benefits
\$7,330,917 (67.1%)
- Admin / General
\$1,762,523 (16.2%)
- Events
\$1,226,186 (11.2%)
- Depreciation
\$219,970 (2.0%)
- Professional Fees
\$389,942 (3.5%)

Membership Appreciation Month

ACWA celebrated association members during its 11th annual Membership Appreciation Month in August. Membership Appreciation Month gives ACWA staff and leadership an opportunity to express gratitude to our members for all the work they do on behalf of the association.

The celebration consisted of an engaging social media campaign that included weekly prizes for ACWA members who participated, a special letter to members from ACWA leadership, thank you e-cards sent from staff to members, a photo collage in the August edition of "ACWA News" and a video highlighting the work and dedication of ACWA's membership.



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7 New Public Member Agencies

- Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District
- Tuolumne County Water Agency
- Union Public Utilities District
- Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority
- Monterey County Water Resources Agency
- City of Benicia
- Town of Windsor



STRATEGIC PLAN CORE ELEMENT: INNOVATION

Lead the industry on proactive advancements for the betterment of the communities, agricultural operations and businesses that ACWA members serve.

New Software, Technology Enhances Customer Service

ACWA enhanced some of its member-facing technology this year in order to improve staff efficiency and customer service with members.

Working with an outside vendor, ACWA developed new online processes to streamline conference and event registration, as well as make it easier for members to check in on site.

ACWA also developed a separate conference exhibitor registration portal to create a more efficient one-stop shop experience for exhibitors.

Internally, ACWA upgraded its Washington, D.C. office with the Sacramento information technology infrastructure. This makes it possible for both offices to utilize the same network, phone system and shared folders, among other efficiencies.

ACWA also engaged a software vendor to launch a cyber security and online crime prevention program. This on-going effort educates staff in recognizing and preventing cyber attacks that could compromise ACWA's data.



Excellence in Innovation Award

In its second year, the ACWA Excellence in Innovation Award highlighted successful innovations by member agencies that continue to support and drive California toward long-term water resilience. Four Innovation Award finalists participated in a panel discussion at ACWA's 2023 Spring Conference & Expo in Monterey.

The four 2023 finalists were:



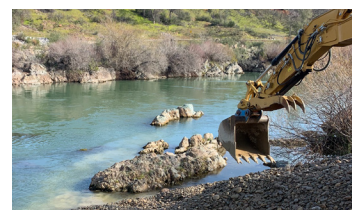
Orange County Water District for recycling 100% of its local reclaimable wastewater flows into high-quality drinking water by expanding its Groundwater Replenishment System.



Placer County Water Agency for their collaborative approach to their water systems consolidation program that expands treated water service to underserved and unserved communities.



Rancho California Water District for its Energy Demand Response Program, which uses SCADA, solar and community partners to save energy during peak periods.



Reclamation District No. 108 for its Salmon Restoration Program that included the installation of three beneficial habitat restoration projects for salmon and steelhead trout.

2022 - '23 ACWA Board Of Directors

Pamela Tobin, ACWA President, 4 – San Juan WD, Director
Cathy Green, ACWA Vice President, 10 – Orange County WD, Director
Steven LaMar, Immediate Past President, 10 – Irvine Ranch WD, Director
Joshua Alpine, Region 3 Chair – Placer County WA, Director
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Sargeant Green, Region 6 Vice Chair, Fresno Metropolitan FCD, Director
Deanna Jackson, Region 6 Chair – Tri-County WA, Executive Director
Marwan Khalifa, Finance Committee Chair, 10 – Mesa WD, District Treasurer
Eric Larrabee, Region 2 Chair – Western Canal WD, Director
Joone Lopez, Membership Committee Chair, 10 – Moulton Niguel WD, General Manager

Michael Minkler, Region 3 Vice Chair – Calaveras County WD, General Manager
Thomas P. Neisler, Region 7 Chair – Tehachapi-Cummings County WD, General Manager
Sarah Palmer, Region 5 Vice Chair, Zone 7 WA, Director
G. Patrick O'Dowd, Region 9 Vice Chair – Salton Sea Authority, Executive Secretary/ General Manager
David Pedersen, Water Management Committee Chair, 8 – Las Virgenes MWD, General Manager
Jim Peifer, Federal Affairs Committee Chair, 4 – Sacramento Suburban WD, Outside Representative
Brian Poulsen, State Legislative Committee Chair – El Dorado ID, General Counsel
Bruce Rupp, Region 1 Chair – Humboldt Bay MWD, Director
Harvey Ryan, Region 9 Chair – Elsinore Valley MWD, Director
Brian Sanders, Region 4 Chair – City of Sacramento, Dept. of Utilities, Gov't. Affairs Program Specialist
Anjanette Shadley, Agriculture Committee Chair, 2 – Western Canal WD, Assistant General Manager
Kristin Sicke, Region 4 Vice Chair, Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, General Manager
Stacy Taylor, Business Development Committee Chair, 10 – Mesa WD, Water Policy Manager
John L. Varela, Region 5 Chair – Valley Water, Director
Melissa Williams, Communications Committee Chair, 4 – Modesto ID, Public Affairs Manager
John Woodling, Groundwater Committee Chair, 4 – Elk Grove WD (Florin Resource Conservation District), Outside Representative





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ACWA VISION

ACWA envisions a California that values water as a precious natural resource that is used efficiently and sustainably in a changing climate from the headwaters to the ocean, with water infrastructure planned, maintained and operated to meet California water needs for generations to come.

ACWA MISSION

ACWA provides 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.

ACWA VALUES

- Public Service
- Collaboration
- Mutual Respect
- Resource Stewardship
- Solution-Oriented

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