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Firefighters with CAL FIRE combat flames during the Park Fire, which exploded into the fourth-largest wildfire in state history during late July. The below story outlines fire-related developments from ACWA member agencies statewide. *Photo courtesy of CAL FIRE*

Agencies Share News From Wildfires

Evacuation orders have affected nearly every member of Western Canal Water District's 13 employees since the beginning of the year. Nearby, an employee of Paradise Irrigation District (PID) lost his home to Northern California's Park Fire.

Impacts to California water from the fourth largest wildfire in California history aren't being measured in massive water infrastructure losses or contaminated drinking water supplies, so far. Instead, water professionals are experiencing the latest catastrophic wildfire in their communities like their neighbors, having lived through or near the deadly Camp Fire of 2018 in Paradise.

"From a Paradise perspective, it's definitely PTSD," said PID CFO Kevin Phillips. "Just some tragic, tragic, stories about another fire in Butte County. The amount of acreage that's been lost in this area has been absolutely staggering."

The Park Fire destroyed a number of homes and structures around Paynes Creek, a small community in Tehama County, where the Sky View County Water District put out a call for a generator through the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network, or CalWARN. ACWA member agency City of Redding helped facilitate finding a generator, which was donated by member agency City of Fairfield.

"The City of Fairfield was just awesome," said Vic Ciardi, Sky View County Water District President.

In Southern California, a number of ACWA member agencies supported aerial

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ACWA Expresses Appreciation for Members

This August marks ACWA's 12th annual Membership Appreciation Month, once again giving ACWA staff and leadership an opportunity to express gratitude to our members for all the work that they do on behalf of the association.

This celebration also honors ACWA's membership's commitment to providing safe and reliable water in an environmentally sustainable and fiscally responsible manner throughout California.

As part of Membership Appreciation Month, ACWA has produced a short video that highlights the work and dedication of our members. You can view the video by scanning the below QR code with your mobile phone. Also, see page 2 for a letter from President Cathy Green and Vice President Ernie Avila, and pages 6 and 7 for a collage of photos shared by member agencies.

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CATHY GREEN
ACWA President



ERNIE AVILA
ACWA Vice President

August 1, 2024

Dear ACWA Members:

This August we are excited to celebrate each one of you during our 12th annual Membership Appreciation Month! Your steadfast support and engagement are what empower ACWA to be the leading advocate for California water issues. We are deeply grateful for your commitment and for being an integral part of the ACWA community.

The contribution of your time is invaluable, and your active participation has been crucial in shaping significant state and federal legislative and regulatory policies. Over the past year, ACWA has collaborated with you to reshape impactful regulations, champion new legislation and advocate for funding for your critical projects. Thank you for the countless hours you have invested on ACWA committees and in outreach to legislators and regulators.

ACWA members have exclusive access to member-only benefits. We encourage you to take full advantage of these benefits, which include important information and updates through our communication resources, such as Outreach Alerts and Advisories, toolkits, discounts on products and services, and the opportunity to partner with ACWA JPIA for insurance coverage, to name a few. Additionally, your membership offers opportunities to network and gain knowledge through ACWA's biannual statewide conferences, ACWA's annual Washington D.C. conference, Legislative Symposium, regional events, webinars, and more. As a volunteer-driven organization, ACWA offers members the ability to serve on a region board or ACWA committees, task forces and/or workgroups, to provide guidance to the association on a wide variety of important issues in the water industry, as well as develop valuable leadership skills.

This month we are celebrating you through a range of virtual and in-person events and activities. Please visit **www.acwa.com/events** to learn more and follow us on social media for fun prizes and to stay updated on the wide array of benefits and services available to you as a valued member.

We appreciate your continued partnership with ACWA. Thank you for all you do!

Cathy Green
ACWA President

Ernie Avila
ACWA Vice President

ACWA Board Opens With Discussion About Park Fire

The ACWA Board of Directors on July 26 discussed several issues, ranging from the explosive spread of the Park Fire outside of Chico to further refining ACWA's new election process, updates on state and federal advocacy and a presentation on member agency-funded research in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta.

Park Fire

Executive Director Dave Eggerton opened the meeting by discussing how the Park Fire was burning near the Town of Paradise, where ACWA Region 2 had recently hosted an event about the community's recovery from the deadly Camp Fire in 2018.

A number of people and member agencies within the ACWA community were being affected, either directly or indirectly through friends and family threatened by the fire, Eggerton told Board members.

At the same time, the increasing severity of catastrophic fires underscores the vital importance of ACWA's advocacy on headwaters health, much of it focused on funding forest management practices that would reduce the fuel load that feeds catastrophic wildfires, Eggerton added, calling out the work of ACWA's Headwaters Workgroup and the ACWA Washington D.C. office.

Bay-Delta Research

David Weisenberger, General Manager of the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District and Region 4 Board Member, shared a video and delivered a presentation on an ongoing predator population study in the South Delta and Lower San Joaquin River.

Study results continue showing that non-native populations, such as striped bass, are dominating the river system, not just in the San Joaquin River but in the Sacramento River as well. This is devastating native populations of juvenile salmon and steelhead trout migrating to the Pacific Ocean. However, the impact is being overshadowed by discussions about flows as a leading factor in the decline of native fisheries.

For more information and a video link, see page 10 in Member News.

Election Process

Board members unanimously approved the elimination of paper ballots in ACWA elections. ACWA revamped the election process for last year's Board officers and region board elections for the 2024-'25 term, when 222 electronic ballots were cast, as opposed to 14 paper ballots. It was believed to be the largest election turnout on record for the association. The new process is expected to continue enhancing voter participation and is the most secure option to preserve election integrity, with electronic voting managed by an independent contractor using a confidential online voting system.

Advocacy Updates

The Federal Affairs Committee update included the passage of the Water Resources Development Act in the U.S. House of Representatives with a strong bipartisan vote. However, movement of the Farm Bill, which contains funding for forest health, has slowed and its passage is uncertain with a growing possibility that another Farm Bill extension will be necessary, according to the update.

In Sacramento, ACWA's sponsored bill – AB 2257 (Wilson, D-Suisun City) — is making progress through the Legislature and was headed for floor votes in both houses following the summer recess. If passed and signed into law, the legislation would aid public agencies in defending against Proposition 218 lawsuits stemming from the rate-setting process.

Strategic Plan

The day prior to the regular meeting, Board members participated in a half-day strategic planning workshop.

A 10-member task force, headed by ACWA Vice President Ernie Avila and guided by an outside consultant with staff input, drafted new strategic plan goals and updated mission and vision statements. The consultant presented the Board with the draft documents and facilitated a robust discussion with feedback.

An updated draft strategic plan is scheduled to be presented to the Board for its approval during its next meeting, set for Sept. 20.

ACWA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS FOR 2023 – '24!

- Bear Valley Water District
- Biggs-West Gridley Water District
- City of Camarillo
- City of Petaluma
- Kern Water Bank GSA
- Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area GSA



CAPITOL CORNER

Legislature in Home Stretch for Session

ACWA continues tracking and advocating on a number of bills as the Legislature approaches an Aug. 31 deadline to either reject or send legislation to Gov. Gavin Newsom for his signature. Below are summaries on a few among many bills that would affect ACWA member agencies.

Rate Setting Process

ACWA's sponsored bill, AB 2257, would aid public agencies in defending against Proposition 218 lawsuits. The bill was on its third reading this week

Introduced by Assemblymember Lori Wilson (D-Suisun City), AB 2257 would require litigants to participate and raise specific objections during the public administrative process in order to challenge rates or assessments in court. It would also limit the administrative record to evidence presented to the agency during the ratemaking process. ACWA is leading a coalition to support the legislation.

If passed, AB 2257 would bolster the financial stability of public water and sewer agencies by creating a robust public process that facilitates dialogue, transparency, and the opportunity to resolve issues and avoid costly litigation.

Suspense File

Twice a year, the Appropriations Committees in both houses of the Legislature refer bills with significant fiscal impact to what is called the "suspense file" and hold special hearings, which are scheduled this year for Aug. 15. Through this process, dozens of bills are held in committee and fail to make it to a floor vote.

Going into the hearings, ACWA was maintaining oppose, or oppose-unless-amended positions on a number of bills that it wants held.

- AB 828 (Connolly, D-San Rafael) would exempt certain subbasins without approved groundwater sustainability plans from assessing fees on managed wetlands or disadvantaged communities or imposing extraction moratoriums, effectively undermining the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
- SB 1255 (Durazo, D-Los Angeles) would require each retail water supplier with more than 3,300 connections to establish a low-income rate assistance program, funded by voluntary contributions, which would have significant implementation issues.
- AB 2149 (Connolly) would require ACWA members to ensure any gates they maintain that could be accessed by the public meet certain specified standards or potentially face civil lawsuits for negligence.

On the other hand, ACWA is supporting several bills that ACWA wants to move forward after the suspense hearings.

- SB 366 (Caballero, D-Merced), which is sponsored by the California Municipal Utilities Association, would overhaul the California Water Plan and help establish long-term supply targets.
- SB 1110 (Ashby, D-Sacramento) and SB 1330 (Archuleta, D-Pico Rivera) would help implement the Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulations. Together, these bills would delay enforcement deadlines and allow water suppliers to utilize either calendar- or fiscal-year data in their reporting to the State Water Resources Control Board.
- SB 1159 (Dodd, D-Napa) regards headwaters health and would potentially make roadside wildfire risk reduction projects near municipalities easier to complete.

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firefighting efforts through HeloPods and Heli-Hydrants used as dip sites for firefighting helicopters — featured in the July edition of *ACWA News*. That included the Yorba Linda Water District (YLWD), where its Wells Fargo Heli-Hydrant was used to supply water to aerially attack a vegetation fire in June, according to YLWD Public Affairs Specialist Brianna N. De La Cruz. YLWD keeps both of its Heli-Hydrants filled when high winds and temperatures are expected.

In the case of Calleguas Municipal Water District, Lake Bard at its Thousand Oaks headquarters has served as a key water supply source for aerial firefighting for years. The 10,500 acre-foot lake has been used nine times this summer alone by firefighting helicopters dousing operating in the Ventura County area.

"Our decision to utilize Lake Bard was crucial in controlling the recent brush fires," stated Ventura County Fire Chief Dustin Gardner in a district news release. "Its proximity, ample water reserves, and clear flight path allowed us to deploy resources effectively, minimizing the spread and ensuring swift containment."

Insurer ACWA JPIA has also been keeping a close eye on the fire situation statewide.

"While the path of a wildfire can shift quickly and dramatically, as of now, ACWA JPIA is grateful that none of our member agencies appear to be in jeopardy of incurring losses as a result of the Park Fire or any other ongoing disaster," stated ACWA JPIA CEO Adrienne Beatty in an email. "We closely monitor all situations that might impact our members, provide outreach of support, and stand ready to assist them as needed. Our thoughts are with the communities affected by this and other fires currently impacting our state."

From Forest to Tap: Region 3 and 4 Agencies Achieving Watershed Resilience

By Region 3 Chair Larry McKenney and Region 4 Chair Brian Sanders



Sean Bigley, Assistant Director with Environmental Utilities for the City of Roseville, speaks to attendees of the Region 3 and Region 4 event during a visit to one of the city's Aquifer Storage and Recovery wells.

How does a drop of Sierra Nevada snowmelt end up 575 feet beneath the City of Roseville?

Conjunctive use is the technical reason, but the real answer is successful collaboration between mountain water managers and downhill groundwater bankers, who together have devoted years of hard work toward establishing regional water resiliency.

Panel discussions and a tour revealed the details behind this decades-long effort during a joint Region 3 and Region 4 program and tour on July 31. Hosted by the City of Roseville's Environmental Utilities Department, "Guardians of the Source: Watershed Resilience for Future Generations" drew a sold-out crowd of more than 80 attendees who heard two panel discussions before visiting one of the city's Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) wells.

The first panel discussion offered perspectives on conjunctive use and strategic water management from water managers with mountain agencies and those serving Sacramento and its suburbs, such as Roseville.

One agency's conserved surface water is another's pathway to reversing decades of groundwater overdraft with both agencies achieving greater resiliency in the face of climate change. Urban agencies access transferred water through Folsom Reservoir. The timing of the transfer can also facilitate cold water releases that benefit migrating salmon and steelhead.

Meanwhile, the agency transferring the water earns revenue that's invested into further strengthening its infrastructure's resiliency, while the urban agency applies ASR to bank the water in basins where it can be available during dry times.

Graphs shared during presentations showed groundwater levels in a steep dive during the 1980s and 1990s, but the levels started flattening out and recovering during the 2000s as groundwater recharge work expanded. For example, Sacramento Suburban Water District has banked approximately 240,000 acre-feet, while the entire Sacramento region has banked about 300,000 acre-feet.

El Dorado Irrigation District Director of Operations Dan Corcoran put it into perspective during his presentation, stating "While we advertise immediate benefits, we are really planning for an unknown future."

Like all ACWA region events, this one included several interesting factoids for water professionals to consider.

Regional Water Authority Manager of Technical Services Trevor Joseph noted that people called agencies about the taste of their water when it was switched from surface to groundwater sources during drier times. And it is true that levels of total dissolved solids are higher in drinking water sourced from groundwater than in surface water. However, a blind taste test conducted as part of a public education campaign on ASR revealed a clean fifty-fifty split between participants preferring groundwater over surface water.

Panel: "Harnessing the Power of our Regional Watershed Through Conjunctive Use & Strategic Management"

Speakers: (Moderator) Michael Saunders, Director, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Dan Corcoran, Director of Operations, El Dorado Irrigation District; Tony Firenzi, Director of Strategic Affairs, Placer County Water Agency; Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services, Regional Water Authority; Dan York, General Manager, Sacramento Suburban Water District

Panel: "Exploring the City of Roseville's Groundwater Program Legacy & Insights"

Speakers: City of Roseville Environmental Utilities Department: Sean Bigley, Assistant Director; George Hanson, Water Utility Manager; Janice Gainey, Senior Engineer

Overall, the event showcased how ACWA member agencies can come together across watersheds and downstream groundwater basins to create regional water reliability for people and the environment.

On behalf of ACWA's Region 3 and Region 4 boards, we want to thank sponsors Stantec, ACWA JPIA and City of Roseville Environmental Utilities Department for making this event possible, as well as ACWA staff for helping organize the event.

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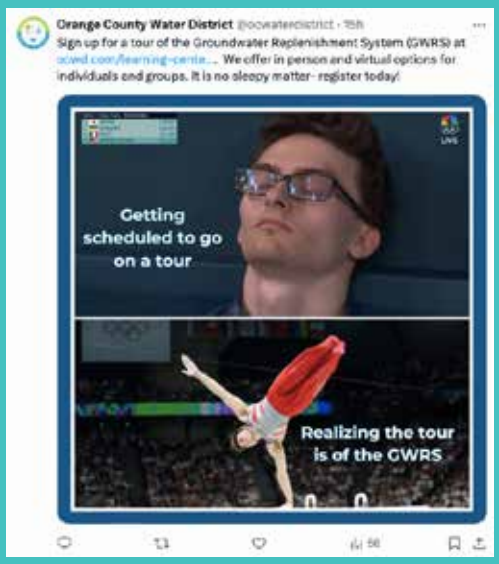


Earth Day


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EXPLORING THE WATER WORLD ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA

Not every year includes an Olympics and the international competitions draw a lot of attention, especially on social media. Over the past few weeks, some water districts used that interest to create some fun and attention-grabbing content.



Orange County Water District (@ocwaterdistrict) used a fun, viral photo from the men's gymnastics to promote the district's in-person and virtual tours.

The **City of Sacramento Department of Utilities** (@SacDOU) got creative with the images of various Olympic sports and reclassified them as utilities jobs. Watch the reel at the QR code.

Check out **Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District** on Instagram at @UpperDistrict for multiple Olympic theme reels featuring district staff including an Outdoor Water Efficiency Olympic boxing match. Watch the reel at the QR code.

To see more of the creative efforts on social media of ACWA members, be sure to follow along on **@ACWAWater**

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Honors outstanding public water agency efforts in communicating important information to customers, legislators, media and the public.

Deadline: Sept. 3

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Recognizes individual ACWA member volunteers who have made remarkable and visible contributions to the enhancement, protection or development of water resources in California by participating in, supporting and advancing ACWA's goals.

Deadline: Sept. 3

ACWA EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION

Recognizes groundbreaking and unique programs, projects, practices and/or technologies implemented by ACWA member agencies

Deadline: Sept. 3

ACWA OUTREACH

Acknowledges members for their advocacy on issues critical to the water industry and the most active member agencies in each region.

Deadline: Oct. 1

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THIS MONTH IN ACWA HISTORY

10 years ago

August opened with 11 large wildfires burning more than 145,000 acres across California. They included the Bald Fire in Shasta County and the Sand Fire in Amador County.

20 years ago

ACWA Executive Director Steve Hall testified at the first public hearing of the California Performance Review Commission in Riverside. During his testimony, Hall discussed inadequate state water planning, State Water Project challenges, CALFED and dysfunctional energy regulations.

30 years ago

ACWA was closely following last minute bills as the Legislature wrapped up the 1993-'94 session, with topics including continuing fiscal issues, endangered species and public contract laws, coordination of land use and water supply planning, and revamping the State Water Project.



ACWA Executive Director Steve Hall, right, testifies before the California Performance Review Commission during an August, 2004 hearing.

40 years ago

State and federal engineers met on top of San Luis Dam to inspect a 100-foot-long, half inch-wide crack in the roadway along the dam's crest. It was feared that the crack was the beginning of a slippage such as one that occurred in 1981.

50 years ago

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and state Department of Water Resources Control hosted a meeting on a proposed Mid-Valley Canal that would provide substantial relief to water deficient areas in Fresno, Madera and Tulare counties. A record crowd made the meeting the best attended on water development within the past 30 years in the San Joaquin Valley.

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Biomass Plant Will Help Advance Forest Health Projects

Construction of a 5-megawatt biomass plant in Yuba County can now move forward with the help of a $7 million grant and $8.3 million low-interest loan to the Camptonville Community Partnership recently approved by the Yuba Water Agency (Yuba Water).

The facility will process woody material from forest restoration projects in the Yuba River watershed, increasing the pace and scale of work to improve forest health and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires.

"As we watch the destruction of the Park Fire in neighboring Butte County, we're reminded of the very real threat of wildfire in our backyard and the importance of projects like this one to make our forests more resilient," Yuba Water General Manager Willie Whittlesey stated in a news release.

Currently, projects within Yuba County and the greater North Yuba River watershed require contractors to truck removed woody material from the forest to existing biomass plants that are several hours away, or secure permits to burn the material on site. Having a biomass plant in the area will not only reduce the cost of implementation for regional projects but will also bolster the local community with new jobs and business opportunities.

Camptonville Community Partnership already owns the land where the biomass plant will be built and is close to finalizing an interconnection and power purchase agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric. Those agreements include plans to upgrade the electrical infrastructure to allow the biomass plant to connect to the grid once it's built.

Camptonville Community Partnership and Yuba Water are both part of the nine-member North Yuba Forest Partnership, which identified biomass processing and the lack of a local biomass facility as a key barrier to completing needed forest health treatments in the Yuba River watershed. The partnership is working on an unprecedented scale to restore 275,000 acres of Sierra Nevada forests to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

New Study Reveals Impact of Predation on Native Fish

A groundbreaking five-year study conducted by FishBio and a coalition of Central Valley water agencies has uncovered a potential missing link in efforts to protect California's declining native fish populations: predation by non-native species.

A new video released by Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (Banta-Carbona), "A Startling Picture," takes a closer look at the research that challenges many long-held beliefs about why California's native fish are in decline. The video can be viewed through mobile phone cameras with the accompanying QR code.

Key Findings include:

- Non-native fish dominate the lower San Joaquin River, with native species comprising less than 1% of sampled fish.
- Juvenile Chinook salmon are being consumed throughout the river.
- Population-level impacts to out-migrating salmon appear substantial – greater than 50% – even under ideal conditions.
- Data also shows the long-held relationship between flows and salmon populations has broken down. More flows don't equal more fish.
- The study suggests that predation by non-native fish species is having a significant impact on juvenile Chinook salmon, with population-level losses exceeding 50% even under ideal conditions, and many salmon not even surviving to reach the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta.

"We were flabbergasted that nobody had been studying non-native fish populations. We could not believe that," stated David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona General Manager, in a news release. "If there's this big void in science, how can you manage anything? It's immensely important."

In addition to Banta-Carbona, the research is supported by Patterson Irrigation District, San Luis Water District, and West Stanislaus Irrigation District. The districts are calling for the following actions:



Photo courtesy of Banta-Carbona Irrigation District

- Expand long-term research to fully quantify predation's impact.
- Integrate predation analysis into management strategies.
- Engage regulators and policymakers with new findings.

"A Startling Picture," is the sequel to Banta-Carbona's Telly Award-winning mini-documentary "The Missing Piece," which takes a deep dive into the role of predation in California's waterways and the findings of this groundbreaking study.

For more information, visit **www.banta-carbona.org**.

WVWD's Internship Program Fuels Career Aspirations for Students

Walnut Valley Water District (WVWD) recently celebrated the successful conclusion of its eight-week summer internship program. This year's program provided outstanding local high school students with immersive, hands-on work experience.

Building on the success of past years, the program aimed to give interns a thorough understanding of different roles within the district and to inspire them with potential career opportunities. Notably, a number of current WVWD employees launched their careers through the internship program, demonstrating its lasting impact.

The recruitment process for the program included presentations at high schools, and online pre-interview workshop with preparation tips, and in-person interviews. From a pool of more than 150 applicants, 11 students were chosen to participate.

Each intern was placed in a department that matched their skills and interests expressed during the interview, with placements in Customer Service, Engineering, External Affairs and Sustainability, General Services, Water Production, and Field Operations.

"Our team was thrilled with the commitment and progress of these interns," WVWD General Manager Sheryl Shaw stated in a news release. "Our goal was to support students, particularly those uncertain of their post-high school paths,



Photo courtesy of WVWD

by exposing them to career possibilities they might not have previously considered. We look forward to continuing this valuable program."



Daniel Neal Klaff

OBITUARY

ACWA JPIA Mourns Past CEO

Retired ACWA JPIA CEO **Daniel Neal Klaff** passed away on July 16. He was 78.

Klaff joined ACWA JPIA in 1991 and advanced to CEO in 1995, leading the organization for 16 years and playing a pivotal role in ensuring ACWA JPIA member agencies throughout California had access to robust coverages and risk management resources. He retired in 2011.

Born in Panama to Daniel David Klaff and Felecia Klaff, he grew up in Clayton, a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri. Following his graduation from Washington University in 1965, Klaff joined the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam conflict. He served with the Strategic Air Command as a pilot and ended his military career at the rank of captain before beginning a civilian career in business.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Wounded Warriors Project, in honor of Klaff's lifelong commitment to his service and stewardship for those injured in war.



Randy Record

Record Retiring from EMWD Board

Randy Record recently announced plans to retire from the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) Board of Directors, effective this December.

Record, who led ACWA as President during the 2012-'13 term and was Vice President during the 2010-'11 term, has served on the EMWD Board for 24 years. During that time, he also represented EMWD on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for 20 years, retiring from its Board in 2022.

"It's been an honor to serve on EMWD's Board for more than two decades," Record stated in a news release. "EMWD has always been committed to forward-thinking principles which not only provides its communities with the highest quality and reliable services possible, but also serves as an example of a premier organization for other agencies across the state and nation to emulate.

During his tenure, Record was a leading voice in bringing together water users from urban and agricultural backgrounds to find common solutions to California's water challenges. His focus was on building coalitions and advancing long-term solutions such as the California Water Fix and the Regional Recycled Water program.

"Randy Record is an institution in California water," EMWD Board President **Phil Paule** stated in the news release. "Every person, farmer, watershed manager, and industry that uses water in California can thank Director Record for his service, and EMWD is better for the leadership and vision that he has brought forward over the past 24 years."



Dennis Gambs

Zone 7 Announces New Board Leadership

The Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors in July unanimously elected Vice-President **Dennis Gambs** to serve as President during its annual Board reorganization.

A Livermore resident, civil engineer and former Water Resources Manager at Zone 7, Gambs has served on the Zone 7 Board of Directors since 2018 and worked at the agency for 34 years.

The board also elected **Dawn Benson** to serve as Vice President. Newly elected to the Board is **Catherine Brown**, who fills a short-term seat which was vacated by **Olivia Sanwong**, who resigned from the Board to take a position on the East Bay Regional Parks District's Board of Directors in early 2023.

Three directors were also sworn in for their four-year terms at the meeting: **Sandy Figuers**, and **Laurene Green** were re-elected to their seats for an additional term, and 2023 appointee **Kathy Narum**, was elected for her first term.

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ACWA REGION 5 PROGRAM AND TOUR

ACWA | Pajaro Valley

Mark your calendar for the upcoming ACWA Region 5 event, where we'll delve into a discussion about the aftermath and repair efforts following last year's significant flooding. Additional details will be announced as plans progress.

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ACWA REGIONS 6 & 7 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WATER FORUM

ACWA | Coalinga

This forum will gather experts, policymakers, and stakeholders for panel discussions on funding capital projects, navigating regulatory barriers, and managing groundwater sustainably.

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Save the date for the upcoming ACWA Region 10 event. Details will be announced as plans progress.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TOUR

Water Education Foundation | Sacramento

Explore the Sacramento River and its tributaries through a tour while learning about the issues associated with a key source for the state's water supply.

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WATER SUMMIT 2024

Water Education Foundation | Sacramento

The Water Summit is the WEF's premier event of the year, with leading policymakers and experts addressing critical water issues in California and across the West. Conversations will revolve around this year's theme, Reflecting on Silver Linings in Western Water.

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