

Sustaining the Valley: Water, Agriculture, and Shared Resources

ACWA Regions 6/7 Program & Tour Itinerary

October 9-10, 2025 | Bakersfield, CA

Thursday, October 9

6:00 PM **Reception- Wool Growers Restaurant**
620 E. 19th Street, Bakersfield, CA
Welcome: Deanna Jackson, ACWA Region 6 Board Chair
Speaker Introduction: Mike Wade- ED, CA Farm Water Coalition
Speaker: Rep. Vince Fong; U.S House of Representatives, California 20th District
Speaker: Scott Hamilton; Resource Economics

7:30 PM **Dinner** – On your own

Friday October 10

7:30 AM **Tour Check-in – Kern County Water Agency**
3200 Rio Mirada Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308
Breakfast will be set up by ACWA staff

8:00 AM **Welcome & Introductions**
Sheridan Nicholas, ACWA Region 7 Board Chair
Cathy Green, ACWA President

8:15 AM **Kern County Water Agency**
Speaker: Nick Pavletich, General Manager, Administrative Operations

8:45 AM **Depart for Water Operations Intertie (CVC/FK/KR)**

9:00 AM **Water Operations Intertie**

9:30 AM **Depart for Grimmway Farms**
On the Bus
Speaker: Mike Wade, California Farm Water Coalition
Cultivate California and ACWA: Public Education Partnership
Ongoing: Trivia Q & A with prizes

10:00 AM **Grimmway Farms**
Speaker: Mark Valpredo
Vice President; Carrot Farming Operations

11:00 AM **Depart for Bakersfield**



Meeting
Packet

- 11:30 AM **Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District**
 Speaker: Dan Bartel
 RRBWSD Engineer-Manager
- 12:30 PM **Lunch & Remarks**
 Ernie Avila- ACWA Vice President
 ACWA Executive Director
- 1:30 PM **Depart for Terra Bella**
- 2:30 PM **Setton Pistachios**
 Speaker: Matthew Leider
 Grower Services Associate
Concluding Remarks
 Tom Barcellos- ACWA Region 7 Board Vice Chair
- 3:30 PM **Depart for Bakersfield**
- 4:15 PM **Tour Bus Returns – Kern County Water Agency**

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ACWA REGION 6 BOARD 2024 – 2025

Chair: Deanna Jackson, Tri-County Water Authority • **Vice Chair:** Sarge Green, Fresno Metropolitan Water Control District
Board Members: Brian Davis, Madera Irrigation District; Justin Rowe, Dudley Ridge Water District; Ross Franson, Westlands Water District; Darcy Villere, Firebaugh Canal Water District; Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Conservation District

ACWA REGION 7 BOARD 2024 – 2025

Chair: Sheridan Nicholas, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District • **Vice Chair:** Tom Barcellos, Lower Tule River Irrigation District
Board Members: Johnny Amaral, Friant Water Authority, Kris Lawrence, Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District; Byron Glennan, Rosamond Community Services District; Trenton Taylor, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District; Tom Neisler, Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District

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