

Andrew Watkins - Bio

I began my involvement in California water issues nearly 40 years ago, becoming a partner of Watkins Brothers Farms in 1985, farming almonds, walnuts, peaches, cherries, beef cattle, hay, and dealing with farming related water issues. I also became an active member of the San Joaquin Farm Bureau the same year and began my role as an elected official in 1998 when elected to the Board of Directors for the Stockton East Water District. The following list identifies relevant experiences for my nomination to the ACWA Region 4 Board:

- Current Stockton East Water District Board Member and multi-term past President
- Past San Joaquin Farm Bureau President 2015-2016 and 2023-2024
- Current Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board alternate – a joint powers authority providing oversight of basin level administration related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
- Current member of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Executive Committee, Technical Advisory, and ad-hoc Water Accounting Framework committees – collectively responsible for previous development and ongoing implantation of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- Active member of several Stockton East Water District standing and ad-hoc committees
- Eastern Water Alliance Board alternate – a joint powers authority developed to sustainably manage groundwater in the region.
- Mokelumne River Water and Power Authority Board alternate – a joint powers authority to develop and perfect San Joaquin County water right applications on the Mokelumne River
- Stockton East Water District Water Advisory Committee Member – a committee that discusses agricultural issues with agricultural landowners
- Active San Joaquin Council of Governments OneVoice participant 1998-present
- ACWA Conferences Attendee 1999-Present
- ACWA Agriculture, Groundwater, and former Energy Committees member
- Past San Joaquin Farm Bureau Executive Committee Chair
- Past San Joaquin Farm Bureau Bylaws and Nominating Committee Chair
- Past San Joaquin Farm Bureau Water Committee Chair
- Financial Secretary of Italian Athletics Club of Stockton
- Member of Elks Lodge #218