

Anthony R. Fellow, Ph.D
Region 8 Board Candidate
Nomination Form

Statement of Qualifications for ACWA Regional Chair

Describe your ACWA-related activities that help qualify you for this office:

As a proud member of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) since 1991, I bring more than three decades of active participation and leadership to this organization. Throughout these years, I have attended nearly every ACWA conference, witnessing firsthand the evolution of California's water challenges and the innovative approaches our members have brought to meet them.

Currently, I have the honor of serving as Chair of Region 8 and have been a member of the Region 8 Board for the past four years. In my tenure as Chair, I have prioritized communication, collaboration, and meaningful engagement. One of the ways I've implemented this is through regular luncheon meetings with Region 8 directors. These meetings have fostered a strong sense of teamwork and transparency, allowing us to share updates, troubleshoot challenges, and brainstorm new initiatives together.

Over the past two years, Region 8 has had an especially productive and dynamic run. A standout achievement was our highly successful *Women in Water Conference* in Pasadena. This event not only drew a significant number of participants but also succeeded in reaching and inspiring the next generation—particularly young women interested in water careers. We were honored to feature Patricia Mulroy, a globally respected leader in water policy, as a keynote speaker. Her participation underscored the depth and seriousness of our programming, reinforcing our region's role as a thought leader within ACWA.

In addition to the Women in Water event, Region 8 has consistently hosted strong and well-attended Fall and Spring membership meetings. These gatherings have provided valuable opportunities for professional development, networking, and policy discussion, and they have contributed to Region 8's reputation for organizing some of the most creative and forward-thinking regional conferences within ACWA.

With your support, I am eager to continue this momentum. My goal is to keep building on the collaborative foundation we've established, promoting inclusivity, innovation, and regional impact. Let's continue the important work of strengthening our communities, supporting water leaders, and shaping the future of California water—together.



DR. ANTHONY R. FELLOW

A member of the California State Assembly once introduced Dr. Tony Fellow as the “pillar of the San Gabriel Valley.” His community and professional involvement have certainly touched upon the most important elements of a community—water, education and government. Fellow was elected to the Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District in 1990 with a wave of environmentalist who changed water politics. He was instrumental in establishing the district’s first water recycling program which would save the greater San Gabriel Valley during the nine-year drought, conservation education programs, and a reforestation project in the Angeles National Forest. His 24-year appointment as director and vice-chair of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California gave him a wider reach to inaugurate programs that would benefit Southern California. Today he also is Chair of all water agencies in Los Angeles and Ventura counties who are members of the Association of California Water Agencies,

In 1996 he was elected to the El Monte City Council where he served for 12 years. He helped bring new businesses, such as Home Depot, to the city, as well as new housing, and made strides to beautify the city and create recreational facilities for youths, such as the Dorris Dann Recreational Center.

In 2007 Arcadia voters overwhelmingly elected Fellow to the Pasadena City College Board of Trustees, where he has served as president of the board and supported two-year free tuition for in-district students, more counselors, and greater transparency.

Fellow was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and grew up in El Monte. After graduating with his bachelor’s degree and Lifetime Secondary Teaching Credential, he worked as a reporter at the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*. He was promoted to assistant city editor and columnist, and head of the political election team covering the presidencies of Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter.

He holds a doctorate from the Walter H. Annenberg College of Communication and Journalism at the University of Southern California where he was an Annenberg Scholar. He also holds three master degrees in Communications and just completed a three year post-doctoral degree in Catholic Theology and Sacred Scriptures at St. Joseph’s College of Maine. At USC and Cal State Fullerton, he taught courses in media history, media law and First Amendment rights, international communications and media and politics. He is an international Fulbright Scholar having taught in Rome, Florence, Vercelli, Shanghai, and Hong Kong. At an international conference in Rome, he was named one of America’s Distinguished Professors.

He has served as chair of the Department of Communications and Department of Cinema and Television Arts at Cal State Fullerton, where he also has been named senior distinguished professor. He is author of *American Media History*, *Tweeting to Freedom: An Encyclopedia of Citizen Protests and Uprisings Around the World*, *Copy Editor’s Handbook for Newspapers*, and *Writing in a Multimedia World*. He is currently working on how today’s news media is destroying American democracy. He speaks frequently at the annual Broadcast Education Association conference in Las Vegas. Last year he spoke about the impact of Artificial Intelligence on the First Amendment.