

Cary Keaten - Bio

ACWA-related activities:

I've been the General Manager for the Suisun-Solano Water Authority and the Solano Irrigation District for the past 13 years. During that time, I've been consistently active in ACWA serving on the Membership Committee, the State Legislative Committee, Region 4 Board of Directors and Region 4 Vice Chair.

Bio summarizing my experience and qualifications that make me a viable candidate for ACWA Region 4 Vice Chair:

With over 35 years of experience in public service and civil engineering, I currently serve as General Manager of the Suisun-Solano Water Authority and the Solano Irrigation District, where I've led operations for the past 13 years. Our agencies provide potable and raw water services to over 32,000 residents and 40,000 acres of agriculture, as well as power generation and bulk untreated water delivery to regional cities. We oversee 17 water systems, the Lake Berryessa Dam and Power Plant. We have a dedicated staff of 95 employees.

My leadership has centered on long-term financial stability, customer trust, rate transparency, legal resilience, and workforce reinvestment. I've spearheaded strategic planning initiatives, developed a comprehensive messaging and communications plan, implemented a water allocation policy, and played a central role in our Agency's response to the Draft Bay-Delta Plan and in GSA and GSP formation in response to SGMA.

For the past 13 years I've been an engaged member of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), currently serving as Region 4 Vice Chair, as well as on the ACWA Board of Directors. In past years I have served on the State Legislative Committee, and Membership Committee. My collaborative approach and deep policy experience make me a strong advocate for Region 4 agencies.

With a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Wyoming and professional licensure in California, I bring both technical insight and executive leadership to ACWA's mission. I would be honored to continue serving as Region 4 Vice Chair to help address the complex challenges facing California's water community.