

May 21, 2025

Subject: ACWA Region 8 Board – Call for Candidates (Board Vacancy)

Chair Fellow, Vice Chair Cooper, and members of the Region 8 Board,

I am confident that I will be a suitable candidate for the ACWA Region 8 leadership as a member of the Board. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in Water Resources, a Professional Engineer license in the State of California, and a Master of Public Administration degree with an emphasis in Public Sector Management and Leadership. Additionally, I possess an acute understanding of Southern California's water landscape, particularly the challenges currently threatening the sustainability of our water future. This includes the impacts of climate change, deteriorating water infrastructure, inadequate access to funding, etc. This position on the Board will allow me to contribute my skills towards advocating for the communities and Water Agencies in the Los Angeles and Ventura County region.

I currently serve as the Assistant General Manager of Water for The City of Glendale Water and Power, a position I've held for just over a year. Prior to that, I was the Assistant Public Works Director and General Manager for The City of Glendora's Water Division. I have also held several positions during my 5-year tenure with The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and the City of Oklahoma City. In totality, I have been in the water industry for over 15 years.

My key responsibilities include directing the City's strategic resource planning as it relates to long and short-term financial planning, integrated water resources planning, operations, and maintenance activities for the City's water treatment and distribution systems. Critical to this is leading a multi-disciplinary team of professional and paraprofessional staff. This also involves directing activities related to groundwater recovery and local groundwater storage, meeting and coordinating with local, state, and federal organizations with responsibilities in water supply, and negotiating resource agreements for various groundwater recovery and conjunctive use programs.

During my experience as a water leader and manager, I have been able to successfully evaluate and manage the administrative and operational functions as well as implement necessary policies, programs, and procedures in line with strategically developed organizational goals and mission. I will look to do the same as a member of this Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chisom Obegolu".

Chisom Obegolu, PE, MPA