



Candidate Statement: Harvey Ryan Vice Chair, ACWA Region 9

After proudly serving in the United States Air Force, I spent over 27 years building and leading a successful company before transitioning to semi-retirement. Since then, I've devoted myself to water policies and public service.

For more than 21 years, I've served on the Board of Directors at Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, where I have championed sound infrastructure investments, regional collaboration, and customer-focused solutions in one of California's fastest-growing service areas. At EVMWD, I have led initiatives to control construction costs, launch a low-income rate assistance program, and invest in major treatment upgrades to address PFAS and other contaminants. I also work closely with neighboring agencies through a regional water resilience partnership, ensuring projects benefit from shared resources and regional scale.

As a longtime active member of ACWA's Federal Affairs Committee and EVMWD's Legislative Committee, I've advocated in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento to secure vital resources and support for both the State of California and our local region, helping to advance sustainable water solutions for the future, and shape sound water policy. These opportunities have reinforced one of my core beliefs: that relationships and collaboration are essential to solving California's water challenges. I believe lasting solutions come through partnership, not partisanship.

As Vice Chair of Region 9, I will continue championing fixed and reliable water supplies, independent of snowpack and rainfall. I support:

- Expanding desalination and water reuse
- Streamlining permitting and regulatory approvals
- Advancing regional conveyance solutions to serve inland communities
- Protecting California agriculture as a national security priority

California's water future demands bold thinking and strong leadership. It is critical for ACWA to take a leading role in the future of California. I bring a practical, forward-thinking vision to ACWA, grounded in decades of experience and an unwavering commitment to water reliability, economic stability, and statewide collaboration. I'm committed to advocating for infrastructure, innovation, and partnerships that ensure a resilient water future not just for today, but for decades to come.

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Candidate for ACWA Region 9 Vice Chair