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ACWA Region 8 Candidate Statement **Robert W. Lewis**

Now the longest-serving board member of Rowland Water District, I bring decades of experience, collaborative leadership, and a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing public water agencies in California. I respectfully submit my qualifications for continued service on the ACWA Region 8 Board.

My career in public service began with the City of Fullerton's Redevelopment Commission and has grown to include 32 years of dedicated leadership at Rowland Water District. I am proud to represent a diverse community and have worked diligently to ensure that every decision reflects sound stewardship, accountability, and a long-term view of regional water needs.



My active engagement in regional and statewide water issues includes:

- Current ACWA Region 8 Board Member, participating in shaping policies and programs that reflect the priorities of Southern California agencies.
- Current Commissioner, representing Special Districts on Los Angeles LAFCO.
- Past Voting Representative, ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance Authority, supporting risk management and financial stability for member agencies.
- Board of Commissioners, Puente Basin Water Agency, working to secure regional project funding and promote sustainable water quality solutions.
- Member, California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), contributing to advocacy on water and energy issues at the state level.
- Government Affairs Committee Member, San Gabriel Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, promoting alignment between policy and community priorities.
- Original Special Districts Ad Hoc Committee Member, working to establish the LAFCO Special Districts Seat.

At Rowland Water District, I have championed initiatives to diversify our water supply portfolio, including expanding use of local groundwater for irrigation and reducing dependence on imported water. I have supported efforts to modernize infrastructure, strengthen customer outreach, and ensure long-term reliability amid growing drought and climate pressures.

As California confronts increasingly complex water challenges, ACWA's regional boards serve a critical role in connecting local realities to statewide strategies. If selected, I will continue to advocate for practical solutions, mutual support among member agencies, and a forward-looking vision that reflects the shared interests of Region 8.

It would be an honor to continue serving on the ACWA Region 8 Board. Thank you for your consideration.