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State Sen. Anna Caballero speaks during a Sept. 8 press event promoting SB 72, an ACWA-supported bill that she authored calling for modernizing the California Water Plan. The legislation was among approximately 60 bills on which ACWA engaged during the legislative year.

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ACWA Secures Favorable Outcomes on Key Water Bills

End of Session Update

ACWA advocacy and coalition building played a key role in moving multiple priority water bills through the Legislature and onto the governor's desk as the 2025 legislative session closed Sept. 12. At the same time, ACWA advocacy stopped or delayed passage of several bills that would have negatively impacted member agencies.

One of the most significant wins included the last-minute approval of a spending plan for Proposition 4, the $10 billion climate resilience bond approved by voters last year that provided $3.8 billion for water related categories. ACWA mobilized member agencies to contact legislators and worked within a coalition to make passage of a spending plan a top priority so that shovel-ready projects can proceed without delay. The spending plan was approved by the Legislature and is on Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk.

Below are summaries and the status, as of Sept. 15, of a few top priority issues among the approximately 60 bills on which ACWA engaged on behalf of member agencies this year. That advocacy now continues through letters and meetings urging the governor to veto or sign bills into law before Oct. 12.

SB 394/Water Theft

Author: Sen. Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica)

ACWA position: Co-sponsored with Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

What it will do if signed into law: Allow local water agencies to adopt an ordinance with enhanced penalties for water theft from a fire hydrant. Additionally, the bill would remove the one-year reset on existing penalties for the third and additional violations for water theft committed via meter tampering and other methods. It would also help agencies

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Celebrate Water Professionals Appreciation Week Oct. 4-12, Share Photos with ACWA

California's annual Water Professionals Appreciation Week will kick off Oct. 4 and highlight the important role of water industry professionals and local public water agencies in ensuring safe and reliable water, wastewater and recycled water operations in California.

As part of the designated week, urban and agricultural water agencies are encouraged to utilize their communication channels to educate media, customers, local elected leaders and other key audiences on the essential role that water professionals play in providing safe and reliable water services.

ACWA is encouraging member agencies to utilize several customizable toolkit items available at **acwa.com/resources**. Tools include talking points, a template Board resolution/proclamation, sample social media posts, logos, customizable social media graphics and a bill insert. Additionally, the toolkit offers a template for customizing a short slideshow video to post on social media.

If your agency participates in Water Professionals Appreciation Week, please share your story and any photos with ACWA by emailing **acwanews@acwa.com**.



Social media graphic for California Water Professional Appreciation Week.



Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board members and staff discuss the history and legacy of the district during its 105th anniversary celebration earlier this month. Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District has been a member of ACWA since 1921.

The following commentary by ACWA Interim Executive Director Marwan Khalifa was originally published on Aug. 27 in the California Farm Bureau's Ag Alert newsletter. It is republished with permission from Ag Alert/ California Farm Bureau.

Water Reliability Depends on Forest Resiliency

By Marwan Khalifa

Two of the most basic human necessities are access to food and water. Americans owe a debt to our nation's farmers. On average, one U.S. farm feeds 169 people annually in the U.S and abroad, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation. Clearly agricultural producers are doing their part to ensure families have access to nutritious and affordable food supplies.

Water suppliers, like members of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), are working hard to ensure families across California have access to reliable water both in the home and on the farm. In California, forest health is important to both water providers and agricultural producers. Two-thirds of California's water originates in our state's mostly forested mountain regions. And whether it ends up as drinking water or supports growing food for families, its quality and potentially even quantity depend on the health of those headwaters.

Catastrophic wildfires, burning at temperatures and on scales once unimaginable, threaten that health every year. But we are not without the tools, strategies and innovative drive necessary to combat these disasters. What we need is continued investment and political will to see this vital work through to a successful end.

Ongoing advocacy to secure and expand on that investment is where California water, agriculture, and forestry policy intersect. Fortunately, longstanding collaboration between the water and agriculture community has proven effective in this mission. The work continues and challenges remain, but the stakes are too high to allow progress to slip into reverse.

Decades of fire suppression in conjunction with a lack of investment in forest health projects, an emphasis on short-term management priorities, increased occurrence of pests and disease, weather extremes and a warming climate have contributed to the decline in headwaters forest resilience. A major consequence is forest overcrowding. This promotes rapid wildfire growth, creating catastrophic megafires that cause long-term damage to the region's ecology and infrastructure.

Overstocked forests result in greater competition for water and increased evapotranspiration, reducing snowpack and water while increasing strain on water supplies during times of drought. At the same time, fragile ecosystems in unhealthy headwaters are at greater risk because of poor water quality, reduced in-stream flows, increased sedimentation of rivers and loss of habitat.

When catastrophic wildfires scorch unhealthy forests, intense heat bakes the ground into barren hardpan where snowpack melts and evaporates faster. Seasonal rains, now beginning earlier in a warming climate, wash ashes off this surface into streams leading to reservoirs that feed water treatment plants. This ash can alter the water's chemistry and clog filters, making its treatment into drinking water more difficult. And while that primarily affects urban water suppliers, those same massive fires often smother rural ranching and farming communities in smoke, posing a major health risk.

The good news is there are solutions within our reach. Work to achieve those solutions is underway in many parts of the Sierra Nevada and are reversing a hundred years of well-intentioned, but ultimately



destructive forest management. Strategic forest thinning and use of prescribed fire have shown great promise toward nurturing healthier and more resilient forests.

One example of work on the ground is ACWA member Placer County Water Agency, which is leading a public-private partnership aiming to treat more than 22,000 acres of forest within the headwaters of the American River, a major source of water for the Sacramento area.

On the federal level, ACWA and our allies in the agricultural community, including the California Farm Bureau and Family Farm Alliance among many, are continuing our collaborative advocacy to open pathways toward healthier headwater forests.

Earlier this year, this collaboration helped secure passage of the Fix Our Forests Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. Now being considered in the U.S. Senate, this bipartisan legislation would encourage more active management of federal forest lands, improve the regulatory process for forest health projects on federal lands, promote federal, state and local

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recover damages by authorizing utilities to pursue civil remedies against any person who tampers with or diverts water from a fire hydrant without authorization.

Status: Approved by Legislature and on the governor's desk

SB 454/PFAS

Author: Sen. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton)

ACWA position: Co-sponsored with League of California Cities

What it will do if signed into law: Create the PFAS Mitigation Fund to help water and wastewater agencies pay for PFAS contamination treatment costs that would otherwise be covered by local ratepayers on their water and wastewater bills. This bill could leverage multiple sources of funding aimed to keep our water supply safe from forever chemicals while maintaining water affordability.

Status: Approved by Legislature and on the governor's desk

SB 601/Water Quality

Author: Sen. Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica)

ACWA position: Oppose

What it would have done: The bill was introduced with the intent of safeguarding California's water quality protection regime from federal rollbacks; however, its approach would have gone far beyond simply maintaining the status quo. The bill would have complicated the state's water quality permitting system and expanded upon federal permitting requirements, without a corresponding increase in water quality. ACWA and many member agencies were part of a large coalition opposed to the bill.

Status: Stopped in Legislature and is now a two-year bill

SB 72/California Water Plan

Author: Sen. Anna Caballero (D-Merced)

ACWA position: Support

What it will do if signed into law: Directs the Department of Water Resources to modernize the California Water Plan with changes to address California's new climate reality. The changes include developing water supply targets that will result in an adequate and reliable water supply for all beneficial uses, including the environment, agriculture, the economy and all Californians.

Status: Approved by Legislature and on the governor's desk

SB 445/Utility Relocations High-Speed Rail

Author: Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)

ACWA position: Not favor

What it would have done: Required the High Speed Rail Authority to develop and adopt internal rules to govern the relocation of utility infrastructure to deliver the high speed rail project. The bill would have had major implications for public safety, costs, and the reliable provision of water, sewer, electric and telecommunications services.

Status: Stopped by Legislature and is now a two-year bill

State Budget/Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program

ACWA staff, in coordination with other associations and individual ACWA members, successfully urged legislators to restore $351 million in funding for the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) Program in June.

An Outreach Alert encouraging members to engage with legislators had a significant impact on restoring the funding, representing progress toward restoring the health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta (Bay-Delta).

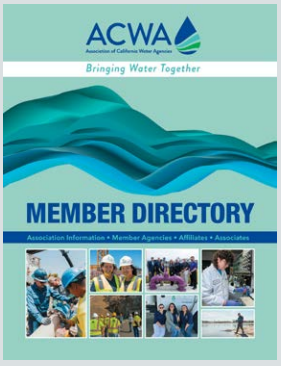
ACWA is a long-standing supporter of the HRL Program, previously referred to as Voluntary Agreements, as the best approach to protecting, restoring and enhancing the Bay-Delta.

State Budget/Golden Mussels

A coalition of water agencies led by Metropolitan Water District and East Bay Municipal Utility District began working on a potential trailer bill policy solution to address water management challenges related to golden mussels. ACWA worked within this member-driven coalition to support that effort. After months of sustained engagement on this issue, the sought after solution for golden mussels was added to a budget trailer bill. In addition to a policy solution, these bills also included a $20 million allocation from an invasive species account for golden mussel issues.

Status: Approved by Legislature and on the governor's desk ♦

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Foundation Working to Expand, Support Water Workforce

The ACWA Foundation has launched new initiatives that will further strengthen its ability to expand California's water workforce.

The nonprofit organization recently partnered with Ventura College's Water Science Program to hear directly from students about what makes water careers feel both achievable and exciting. Insights gained through the partnership will shape future outreach strategies.

In addition, the foundation continues to build helpful resources to connect agencies and potential employees, including website lists of water industry internships and scholarships.

ACWA members that have internship and scholarship information to add to the website can email Executive Director Lisa Mealoy at **lmealoy@acwa-foundation.org**.

Bette Boatmun Award

Last year, the foundation created the Bette Boatmun Emerging Leader award in honor of the late ACWA President and long-time Contra Costa Water District Board member.

The award will provide a monetary prize for the recipient to attend an approved leadership development program of their choosing. It will be open to mid-level managers who aspire to advance an inclusive water industry that reflects the powerful diversity and opportunity of California.

For more information about the award, visit **acwa-foundation.org/support-us**.

In 2022, ACWA's Board of Directors formed the ACWA Foundation to advance leadership and workforce development in the water industry. The 501(c)3 nonprofit foundation and its Board of Trustees operate separately and independently from ACWA and the association's Board of Directors.





DISTRICT FACTS

Location
Perris (Riverside County)

Established
1950

Service Area and Connections
- 682 square miles spanning western Riverside County and northern San Diego County
- Approximately 170,000 water and 279,000 sewer connections

Average Daily Demand
2024 average daily demand of potable water was 93.44 million gallons a day

Water Supply and Operations
- Four regional water reclamation facilities treating approximately 49 million gallons of wastewater a day.
- Total storage capacity for potable water is 213.9 million gallons
- Total storage for wastewater is 422 million gallons
- 2,526 miles of water and 2,000 miles of sewer pipeline

Employees
625

Website
emwd.org



From Small Beginnings to One of California's Largest Water Agencies

EMWD Celebrates 75 Years

Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) celebrates 75 years of transformational growth in 2025 and has the history, photos and even a few original customers to tell its story.

Starting as a small, largely agricultural provider, EMWD began operating in 1950 primarily to augment local supplies with Colorado River water conveyed by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). It has since grown into California's sixth largest retail water agency by service area — 682 square miles — populated by nearly one million people in western Riverside County and northern San Diego County.

As early as 1953, EMWD's hometown of Perris reaped the benefits of the district's hard work when it was the first city to be served with water from the Colorado River, a complex feat that guided the shape and prosperity of the surrounding regional community.

In addition to its retail operations, EMWD also supplies water on a wholesale basis to the cities of Hemet and San Jacinto, as well as Fallbrook Public Utility District, Lake Hemet Municipal Water District, Nuevo Water Company, Rancho California Water District, Rainbow Public Utilities District and Western Municipal Water District.

EMWD's early leaders were interested in seeing their community thrive and knew they needed to plan accordingly for the community they envisioned. For example, in 1962, EMWD leadership outlined a plan to take care of sanitation needs that stretched 25-30 years into the future.

These founding leaders set the tone for how EMWD's leadership thinks and acts today. While they understood the need to improve services and infrastructure, they did so using the newest technology and with an understanding that an investment today could help customers save money in the long run.

Today EMWD manages a diverse water supply portfolio that spans local groundwater supplies, recycled water and desalination efforts, while it receives approximately half of its water supply from MWD through the Colorado River Aqueduct and State Water Project.

Along the way, EMWD leaders actively participated in ACWA. Longtime EMWD Board member Randy Record served as ACWA President during the 2012-'13 term, and today ACWA Board of Directors member Jolene Walsh chairs ACWA's Federal Affairs Committee.

EMWD's steady growth into one of California's leading water providers in terms of size, as well as its diverse capabilities, provided a great opportunity to engage its community throughout the 2025 diamond anniversary.

In April, the district hosted an open house at its Perris headquarters inviting customers to engage with staff while learning more about their water and wastewater systems. The family-oriented event featured food trucks and booths hosted by the UC Riverside Master Gardeners, Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District, Cal Fire, Mt. San Jacinto College and the Hemet Unified School District Career Technical Education program.

EMWD also connected with customers through a photo contest and sought out residents who had relied on its water since its founding, asking them to share their stories through an online form. Among the responses, a woman who remembered her father building their home in Quail Valley, now part of the City of Menifee, in 1950. She later inherited the home and lives there today.

"EMWD supplied the water then and still does today," she wrote.

The statement looks simple. The history that makes it possible is anything but. EMWD has thrived on its ability to adapt and look ahead despite dramatic changes between the time of its founding and the challenges of its present.

"EMWD's history is rich with examples of how hard work and strategic planning have ensured consistent delivery of water, wastewater and recycled water services," said EMWD Board President Stephen J. Corona. "Our commitment to quality is driven by a vision to improve the health of our community, and our customers, both today and for future generations."



Opposite page: EMWD employees and Board members take part in one of many events recognizing their district's 75th anniversary.

Top: EMWD workers install a pipe in this 1955 photo from the district's earliest years.

Bottom: Gov. Ronald Reagan celebrates the first delivery of State Water Project water to Lake Perris in this 1973 photo. EMWD relies on both the State Water Project and Colorado River to supply its service area, which is the sixth largest in California.

Region 3 Webinar Shares Strategies for Getting Grant Funding

By Region 3 Chair Larry McKenney

Grant funding can play a huge role in a water agency's ability to keep up with funding infrastructure and other projects. But applying for that funding, whether from the state or federal government, can be a lot easier said than done.

The more than 60 people joining our Aug. 20 Region 3 webinar — "Big Impact on a Small Budget: Grant Strategies for Resource-Strapped Agencies" — received some valuable advice on navigating the process water managers face when seeking grant funding.

Basically, it comes down to being proactive, building relationships with elected officials and granting agencies, and sharing successful strategies with other water agencies.

Tell your story, refine it and draft a capital plan, advised panelist Kim Boyd, Director of Strategic Affairs for Tahoe City Public Utility District. She also pointed out that elected officials and decision makers within the grant process often lack knowledge about agencies' funding needs. But they want to know.

"FOMO (fear of missing out) is a real thing that does exist," Boyd said, later emphasizing the importance of keeping an updated capital plan. "It allows you to pivot and move as needed," she added.

Inviting elected officials to tour agencies is also effective. U.S. Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA) recently visited Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, where panel moderator Nicholas Schneider serves as General Manager and Region 3 Vice Chair Michael Saunders serves as Board Vice President.

ACWA Director of Federal Relations Ian Lyle walked webinar attendees through obtaining federal funding including grants and congressionally directed spending (earmarks). His comments highlighted the importance of developing relationships with members of congress and staffers in both houses, identifying their deadlines for receiving requests for appropriations, and the power of building coalitions.

"If you don't have a relationship with your federal partners, start building it now," Lyle said. "Honestly, federal officials want to know how they can help."

To view a video recording of the webinar, log in to **acwa.com** and visit the Resources page or scan the accompanying QR code.

On behalf of ACWA Region 3, I want to thank our panelists for sharing their expertise and ACWA staff for helping organize the webinar and making it a success.

Speakers:

(Moderator) Nicholas Schneider, General Manager, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Kim Boyd, Director of Strategic Affairs, Tahoe City Public Utility District; Robert A. Heather, Water Resources Engineer, Zanjero, Inc.; Ian Lyle, Director of Federal Relations, ACWA

ACWA region events are a great way to learn how member agencies are addressing various water industry challenges. Visit **acwa.com/events** for dates and details of other upcoming events.



Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency celebrates the completion of its new College Lake Water Supply Project during an Aug. 8 ribbon cutting event. This project will reduce groundwater overdraft and seawater intrusion, while also supporting habitat for the endangered South-Central California coast steelhead.

THIS MONTH IN ACWA HISTORY

10 years ago

All hands were on deck to respond to a possible last-minute push for a public goods charge or other tax on water bills as the Legislature approached its close of session on Sept. 11. Though no formal proposal emerged, amendments to a Senate bill appeared to set the stage to address the issue the following year.

20 years ago

The Contra Costa Water District, Alameda County Water District and Zone 7 Water Agency sent teams of employees to Louisiana to help Gulf Coast water agencies recover from Hurricane Katrina, which had ravaged New Orleans. The agencies and ACWA also set up donation funds to help water agencies recover from the historically devastating hurricane.

30 years ago

The 1995 water year closed with the State Water Project carrying over into the next year more than 4.5 million acre-feet, compared to 2.5 million acre-feet the year prior. The Central Valley Project reported about 7.7 million acre-feet to carry over into the next water year, compared to 4.2 million acre-feet in 1994.



A Contra Costa Water District employee operates a backhoe after Hurricane Katrina, when several ACWA member agencies pledged aid and sent teams to help Gulf Coast water agencies recover from the disaster.

40 years ago

ACWA Executive Director John Fraser and ACWA President Raymond R. Rummonds joined the culmination of a year-long celebration of Hoover Dam's 50th anniversary. The event memorialized the half-century that had passed since President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the dam in 1935.

50 years ago

ACWA News reported that the State Office of Planning and Research was studying implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA, which had been signed into law five years prior. The study's focus included finding areas where the CEQA process could be made more effective and less costly.

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government collaboration, coordinate federal grant programs to better serve communities in high fire risk areas and expand the use of technologies to address wildfire threats.

In 2014, ACWA and the California Farm Bureau helped found the California Forest Watershed Alliance and this year we joined the Wildfire Solutions Coalition, which also includes the California Farm Bureau. Organized by The Nature Conservancy, this coalition is dedicated to building support for significant increases in local, state and federal funding to address California's wildfire crisis.

Making California forests less vulnerable to catastrophic wildfires will require a long-term financial commitment and determination. However, as with many challenges with California water, collaboration has opened a clear path toward a more resilient future for our state's headwater forests, and the water supply on which our environment, farms, cities and future depend.

TCPUD Opens New Treatment Plant

The Tahoe City Public Utility District (TCPUD) recently celebrated the completion and grand opening of its new West Lake Tahoe Regional Water Treatment Plant.

The project represents a transformative investment in TCPUD's water system to provide a permanent, drought-resilient source for drinking water and fire protection for the West Shore of Lake Tahoe. The road to this milestone began almost two decades ago when TCPUD began searching for a permanent solution to a temporary water treatment plant used to meet peak summer water demand.

The new state-of-the-art facility replaces the temporary seasonal plant and will now provide a year-round water supply sourced directly from Lake Tahoe. The project strengthens the public water supply, enhances fire protection capabilities, and improves the resilience of TCPUD's interconnected water infrastructure.

The project included construction of an underwater pump station and intake pipeline in Lake Tahoe to supply surface water to the treatment plant. The treatment plant uses advanced technology including membrane filtration and ultraviolet disinfection to ensure exceptional water quality.

Currently, the treatment plant can deliver almost one million gallons of water a day to West Shore customers but may be expanded in the future.

The new water treatment plant is one of the largest capital investments in TCPUD's history. Funding for the approximately $30 million project was made possible through more than $5.5 million in grant funding from the Department of Water Resources, the El Dorado Water Agency and the Placer County Water Agency, and a $19.7 million loan from the State Water Resources Control Board.


Photo courtesy of TCPUD

Met Partners with Farmers for Bay-Delta Sustainability

To improve sustainability in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in August secured agricultural partners to cultivate rice on two district-owned islands in the Delta — the heart of California's water supply system and one of the state's most vital ecosystems.

Metropolitan's Board of Directors approved two lease agreements to convert current agricultural lands to rice farming on Webb Tract in Contra Costa County and on Bacon Island in San Joaquin County. The conversion to rice can help address land subsidence, improve carbon sequestration, and support habitat for migratory birds and other Delta species.

"These leases support our science-based approach to land management, rooted in sustainability," Metropolitan Board Chair Adán Ortega, Jr. stated in a news release. "They build on Metropolitan's decades of investment in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, recognizing that addressing subsidence and protecting native species are essential to ensuring long-term resilience and ecological health in the region."

To grow rice on Webb Tract, Metropolitan's Board selected Bouldin Farming Company following a competitive selection process. A grant of up to $4 million awarded to Metropolitan from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy will help offset land leveling costs necessary to adapt about 1,500 acres on the island for rice production.

Webb Tract is one of four islands Metropolitan owns in the Delta that is impacted by land subsidence, with some areas as much as 24 feet below sea level. With support from state grants and collaborative partnerships, the district is working to transform the island into a multi-benefit landscape that strengthens the Delta's ecological and water management future.

Metropolitan is also leading a project to restore wetlands on Webb Tract. That parallel project is also moving ahead with the support of approximately $16 million in funding from the Delta Conservancy grant. Now at 65% design completion, the project will convert approximately 2,400 acres on the property into impounded seasonal wetlands that mimic the Delta's historic ecological conditions.

On Bacon Island, Metropolitan's Board has authorized staff to enter into a lease agreement with Lundberg Family Farms to transition approximately 5,000 acres to rice cultivation. The project includes deploying advanced rice farming techniques compatible with the Delta's unique soils, creating wildlife-friendly habitats, and potentially generating carbon credits to enhance long-term land stewardship.



Debbie Dino

PWD Appoints Dino to Board

The Palmdale Water District Board of Directors has unanimously appointed **Debbie Dino** to the seat formerly held by her late husband, **Vincent Dino**, who passed away in July.

Dino, who was the only applicant, will serve the remainder of the vacated term until the November 2026 election.

A resident of Palmdale since 1994, she also serves as a Director for the Antelope Valley Fair Board and for Kids Feeding Kids Through Agriculture. She was a Hearing Officer for the City of Palmdale from 2016 to 2020.

"I am truly grateful for the opportunity to carry on Vincent's legacy," Dino stated in a news release. "It's bittersweet to be sitting in the seat he once occupied, but I'm excited to join the Board and an organization that is doing important work for our community."

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EXPLORING THE WATER WORLD ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA

At the end of August, Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce announced their engagement, sparking an uptick on Taylor and Travis content and memes on social media. It also provided an opportunity to get your followers to do a double take on your content if you could find a fun and engaging way to use the news with your brand.

Here are a few examples of ACWA members that capitalized on this moment.

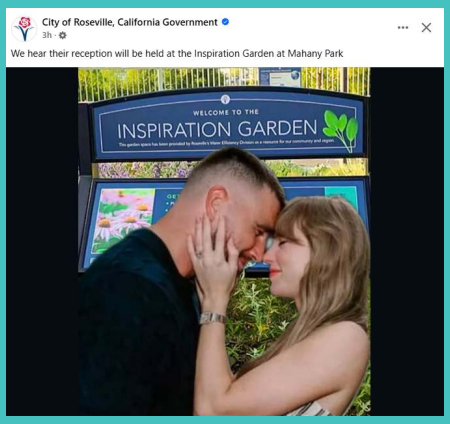
City of Roseville used the image of the newly engaged couple as an overlay on the City's Inspiration Garden with a fun "rumor" caption about the wedding reception location. This post has over 400 reactions on Facebook.

Using the same image, **SCV Water** used some classic Taylor Swift lyrics and compared the couple to how in love its customers will be with the agency's Lawn Replacement Program.

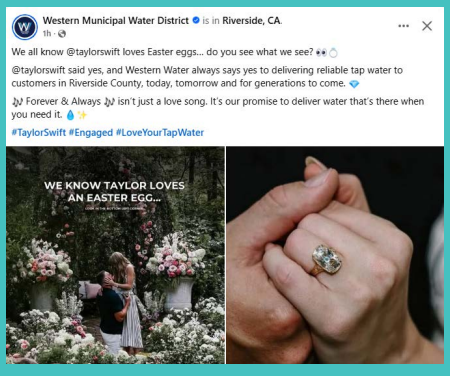
Western Municipal Water District used lyrics and the Easter eggs that Swifties look for in every Taylor Swift post to add its own Easter egg to the engagement ring (their logo if you zoom in!).

Pop culture moments like this can be a great time to increase engagement and get more eyes on your programs and projects, but you need to be creative and act fast to make it work. Not every trend is a good fit for every brand so make sure it works for your agency's voice and audience.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, X, LinkedIn, YouTube and Instagram @ACWAWater, to see more of what other ACWA member agencies are doing on social media.







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WEF's Water Summit 2025
WEF | Sacramento

Join the Water Education Foundation's 2025 Water Summit to explore critical Western water issues with experts and policymakers, enjoy lunch and networking, and discuss this year's theme: *Embracing Uncertainty in the West*.

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ACWA Regions 6 & 7 Event
ACWA | Bakersfield

Join colleagues for a networking reception at Wool Growers Restaurant on Oct. 9, followed by a day of sustainability tours and water-focused discussions across Kern County on Oct. 10, including visits to Grimmway Farms and Setton Pistachios.

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ACWA Region 2 Tour & Program
ACWA | Oroville

ACWA Region 2, in partnership with the State Water Project, invites you on a guided tour of Oroville Dam, its spillway and a fish hatchery, featuring expert insights, local perspectives on the 2017 emergency, networking, and interactive exhibits.

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5th Biennial Flood-Mar Forum
The Flood-Mar Network | Sacramento

Join the Flood-MAR Network for its fifth biennial forum – California's leading event on using floodwaters for aquifer recharge. Connect, learn and shape the future of sustainable, resilient water management in California.

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ACWA's 2025-'26 CLE Virtual Workshop Series
ACWA | Virtual

ACWA's Virtual CLE Workshop series begins Nov. 3, with additional sessions on Jan. 29 and Apr. 16. Designed for water professionals, these annual workshops offer timely legal updates. Register individually or save with full series access.

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ACWA Regions 8, 9 & 10 Event
ACWA | Irvine

Join water leaders and policymakers to explore Southern California's top water challenges. Featuring expert panels, federal insights, a Colorado River update, and ACWA advocacy priorities – plus a networking reception at the Irvine Marriott.

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