

2026-27 Agriculture Committee Work Plan

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“There shall be an Agriculture Committee whose duty it shall be to recommend Association policy, positions and programs to the Board of Directors, State Legislative Committee, Federal Affairs Committee or other committees, as appropriate, regarding agricultural issues affecting the interests of ACWA and its members.”

-ACWA Bylaws, Article VII, Section 5

CHARGE	INITIATIVES
1. Agriculture Committee Deliverables Provide a structure where agriculture member agencies can come together and discuss issues of mutual concern and interest and based on that interaction, provide representative input to the ACWA Board.	A. Hold quarterly Agriculture Committee Meetings. Drive engagement and empower Committee members and Region Committee Reporters to spearhead the dialogue on emerging policy challenges.
	B. Conduct conference programs and/or webinars as needed to advance committee priorities.
2. Proactive Policy Initiative Process Consider input and priorities from ACWA’s State Legislative Committee, Federal Affairs Committee, and Regions.	A. Evaluate and provide recommendations if proposals should be advanced by ACWA’s Agriculture Committee: • Review and list State Legislative Committee and Federal Affairs Committee recommendations relevant to this committee • Review and consider regional priorities in the development of the Committee Work Plan
3. Agriculture-Urban Interface Strengthen the relationship between agriculture and urban providers to foster collaboration, coordination, etc.	A. Create an ACWA subcommittee to address this specific need. The subcommittee will draft a plan that outlines expectations, goals, timeline, etc. This subcommittee will identify how these two sectors can work together as water needs and availability changes.
	B. Encourage Agriculture Committee member agencies to plan and host joint tours with urban providers.
	C. Coordinate with ACWA’s Communications staff, the Communications Committee, and the Ag Communications Subcommittee to develop messaging that bridges perspectives between agricultural and urban providers, building mutual understanding and familiarity.

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4. Drought and Storage Enhance statewide drought resilience by advancing diverse storage solutions and infrastructure improvements.	A. Establish a joint ACWA Working Group with members of the Water Management Committee to evaluate drought vulnerabilities and identify solutions for expanding above- and below-ground storage.
5. Increased Funding for Targeted Science Support the development of a robust scientific foundation for water policy through increased investment in data and research.	A. Create an ACWA subcommittee to address this specific need. The subcommittee will draft a plan that outlines expectations, goals, timeline, etc. This subcommittee will identify critical science and data gaps and the funding required to bridge them.
6. Engage on Agriculture Committee Advocacy Priorities	A. Advocate on behalf of ACWA members' interests for policies, including but not limited to: • Bay-Delta • Data Reporting and Streamlining • Drought • Infrastructure Funding • Legislation • Prop 4 • Regulatory Reform • SGMA Implementation • Water Rights • Water Storage B. Maintain and regularly update a list of active working groups to ACWA's website.