

2026-27 Water Management Committee Work Plan

Adopted _____

“There shall be a Water Management Committee whose duty it shall be to recommend policy and programs to the Board of Directors on any area of concern in water management. The committee shall consist of at least one, but no more than four members from each region.”

-ACWA Bylaws, Article VII, Section 16

CHARGE	INITIATIVES
1. Water Management Committee Deliverables Provide a structure where Water Management Committee member agencies can come together and discuss issues of mutual concern and interest.	A. Hold quarterly Water Management Committee Meetings. Encourage participation by Committee members and Region Committee Reporters 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 Water Management 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. Vision For Our Water Future Implement Phase 2 of Vision for Our Water Future, which include recommended actions to inform the next Governor’s water agenda and guide ACWA’s advocacy. Water Management Committee proposed recommendations will be brought to ACWA’s Board of Directors for consideration to adopt.	A. In partnership with the ACWA Finance Committee, develop recommendations to “Protect Affordability,” including to: - Secure sustainable water funding - Accelerate funding - Integrate investments across sectors
	A. Develop recommendations to “Deliver Critical Infrastructure,” including to: - Strengthening the State’s Backbone - Safeguard Colorado River Water Suppliers - Empower Regional Water Solutions
	A. In partnership with the ACWA Water Quality and Groundwater Committee, develop recommendations to “Modernize Permitting Performance”, including to:

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	• Improve permitting performance • Modernize water operations • Strengthen water data
4. California Water Plan Update Elevate the need for increasing water supply reliability.	A. Provide policy and technical input to inform the Department of Water Resources' California Water Plan Update, which under SB 72 will include the establishment of water supply targets, the quantification of future regional water needs, and identification of water management strategies.
5. Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Advocate for the timely update of the Bay-Delta Plan while safeguarding member agency water supply reliability.	A. Support the advancement of the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program and its implementation B. Continue to regularly convene ACWA's Bay-Delta Working Group to inform ACWA's advocacy.
6. Engage on Water Management Committee Advocacy Priorities	A. Advocate on behalf of ACWA members' interests for policies, including but not limited to: • Bay-Delta/ Fish Recovery • Headwaters (joint with Energy Committee) • Human Right to Water (joint with Local Government) • Data Reporting and Streamlining • Infrastructure and Water Supplies • State and Regional Planning • Water Rates (joint with Water Quality) • Water Rights (joint with Legal Affairs) • Water Transfers • Water Use Efficiency B. Maintain and regularly update a list of active working groups to ACWA's website.