



Western Municipal Water District General Manager Craig Miller, far right, speaks during a Region 9 event panel discussion about the essential need for collaboration and leadership in advancing major water initiatives. See article on page 5 for an overview of the July 17 event in Temecula.

ACWA Vision Initiative on Track, Members Continue to Get Involved

Since the ACWA Board adopted the Vision for Our Water Future Policy Framework in March, ACWA has been hard at work building awareness and support for the initiative.

To date, more than 70 member agencies and organizations have joined the Vision's growing coalition. ACWA has also been collaborating with partners across sectors, from environmental organizations to housing and business groups, and equipping ACWA members and partners with tools to elevate the importance of a reliable and affordable water future.

ACWA hosted an Aug. 13 member webinar that provided an update on the initiative's latest progress and timeline, as well as the results of a statewide survey conducted by ACWA and FM3

Research. The survey found strong, broad-based and bipartisan support for making water a priority in California. Among the key findings, 77% of California voters say they are more likely to support a candidate for governor who prioritizes improving California's water reliability and affordability.

A recording of the webinar is available at acwa.com/vision, where members can also find additional information about the Vision, opportunities to get involved and updated communication tools.

ACWA is also advancing a second major deliverable: detailed recommendations that will provide an actionable roadmap for the next governor and administration, consistent with the Vision policy framework. To develop those recommendations, ACWA established three member-driven working groups around three of the Vision's priority actions: Protect Affordability, Deliver Critical Infrastructure, and Modernize Water

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Legislature Nears Finish Line

As of Aug. 18, two ACWA-sponsored bills await a final vote before the Legislature ends its 2026 session on Aug. 31.

Those bills and other high-priority legislation are summarized below. They are among more than 75 bills that ACWA has advocated on this year for the benefit of member agencies. That advocacy will soon focus on the Newsom Administration as bills head to the governor's desk for his signature or veto.

Wildfire Liability

SB 1153 (Caballero, D-Merced) is on the Assembly Floor.

This ACWA-sponsored bill would clarify and declare the limited role of public water systems during wildfires. While water systems support firefighting, they

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Guest Column Cindy Messer

Lead Deputy Director, Department of Water Resources

Planning for California's Water Future Starts Now

The Department of Water Resources submitted this guest column to share information about the 2028 California Water Plan and encourage member agency participation. Learn more at CaliforniaWaterPlan.com.



California has never had the luxury of taking water for granted. Every generation has faced its own water challenges and responded by building the infrastructure, partnerships and policies needed to keep our communities, economy, agriculture and environment thriving.

Now it's our turn.

California's water system is being tested in new ways. We're experiencing rapid swings between floods and droughts, sometimes within the same season. Warmer winter storms are bringing more rain instead of snow, reducing mountain snowpack that has long served as one of California's largest natural reservoirs while increasing the risk of devastating floods.

The infrastructure and planning frameworks that served California for decades were designed for a climate that no longer exists. Meeting today's challenges will require more than responding to the next drought or flood emergency. It requires a forward-looking, comprehensive statewide strategy built on sound science, comprehensive data, and a shared commitment to ongoing collaboration and implementation.

Recognizing this need, the California Legislature, through Senate Bill 72, directed the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in 2025 to fundamentally modernize the California Water Plan. The goal is ambitious but clear: transform the Water Plan into an action-oriented roadmap to meet a statewide water supply target that will help improve reliability and climate resilience for decades to come.

That transformation is already underway.

DWR is rebuilding the California Water Plan from the ground up using the best available science, rigorous analysis and meaningful collaboration with water agencies, Tribes, local governments, communities,

nongovernmental organizations and partners across California. Together, we're identifying current and future water supply challenges, evaluating practical solutions to stem those gaps to help guide investments where they can deliver the greatest benefit. Starting this fall, DWR will host public, in-person forums across California to hear directly from local water managers and other community groups.

This robust planning process will produce three key outcomes: a shared statewide understanding of future water supplies and demands; strategies to help achieve California's goal of adding 9 million acre-feet of water supply by 2040; and an evaluation of the key actions needed to close future water supply gaps.

This work will unfold over multiple planning cycles. The 2028 California Water Plan will establish the qualitative foundation while planning, technical analysis and engagement continue. The 2033 Water Plan will build on that work by evaluating regional portfolios of projects, strengthening partnerships, and providing information federal, state and local agencies need to make informed investment decisions.

Like ACWA's Vision for Our Water Future, the modernized California Water Plan is an opportunity to bring Californians together around practical solutions that strengthen communities, support agriculture, protect the environment, and prepare our infrastructure for a changing climate. We look forward to partnering with ACWA as this work moves forward.

Whether you manage water, farm the land, steward California's ecosystems, represent a community, or simply care about the future of our state, your voice matters. We encourage you to visit **CaliforniaWaterPlan.com**, learn more about this effort, and join us as we build a more resilient water future for California. ♡

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Board Takes Ballot Positions, Hears Updates on Advocacy

The ACWA Board of Directors on July 31 took positions on two statewide ballot measures while hearing its first report from incoming Executive Director Karla Nemeth.

Nemeth, who officially starts as ACWA Executive Director Sept. 1, shared highlights from a meeting with Xavier Becerra and his campaign team regarding water issues. Becerra is the current frontrunner in the race to succeed Gavin Newsom as governor and faces Steve Hilton on the November ballot.

Ballot Positions

Two propositions on the November ballot could potentially affect ACWA member agencies. Proposition 45 would streamline permitting and project approval processes while placing limits on legal challenges. However, essential water projects would have to comply with strict labor standards, including paying the prevailing wage, among several potential challenges. The Board adopted a neutral position on Proposition 45.

The second, Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 22, or ACA 22, replaces a previously proposed measure backed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. And like the previous measure, ACA 22

aims to change rules under Proposition 13 that would limit the way revenues can be generated by and for local governments, particularly affecting counties and charter cities. The Board adopted an oppose position on ACA 22.

Projects of Statewide Significance

Launched in March, a Board-level task force has since agreed that ACWA should establish a process to consider taking positions on projects of statewide significance. It is now working on the second of two deliverables — establishing appropriate criteria and a process for the Board to consider taking positions on such projects.

Historically, ACWA has not taken positions on specific infrastructure projects. This informal practice has reflected efforts to preserve broad membership cohesion and organizational capacity. While there is no explicit policy prohibiting ACWA from establishing a formal process for such consideration, none has been formalized.

Advocacy Updates

The state advocacy update included a briefing on legislation related to data

centers and water use. ACWA has provided input to policy committees and worked with legislators to help ensure legislation avoids unintended reporting obligations or other indirect impacts for water agencies. ACWA is continuing to monitor legislative developments in this area.

On the federal side, ACWA Director of Federal Relations Ian Lyle reported that the Water Resources Development Act, or WRDA, has advanced out of the policy committee stage in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Lyle said WRDA's progress reflects how water remains one of last bipartisan issues in the nation's capital.

Website Redesign

ACWA Director of Communications Heather Engel delivered a presentation on progress toward updating the association's website, which aligns with goals listed in ACWA's 2025-'29 Strategic Plan. Communications staff are currently working with a consultant and preparing to identify which pages and content on the current site should be transferred to the redesigned site.

Following successful testing, staff plan to debut the new site to members at the ACWA Fall Conference. ♦

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Management. These working groups have been meeting throughout the spring and summer, bringing together ACWA's diverse membership to share their local expertise.

ACWA is also supporting this work with additional research and expertise. As part of the Protect Affordability Priority Action, ACWA retained associate Woodard & Curran to evaluate how other states, including Texas and New York, provide long-term funding for water

infrastructure and assess approaches that could inform a sustainable, long-term funding model for California.

In parallel, ACWA staff are coordinating with Department of Water Resources staff to help ensure that the Vision initiative aligns with and builds upon the California Water Plan. The plan is guided by an advisory committee that includes ACWA Interim Executive Director Marwan Khalifa, along with several member agency leaders.

ACWA staff will present the detailed recommendations to the association's Board of Directors on Nov. 20 as the initiative moves toward the next phase of engagement with the incoming administration after the election. As this work continues, members are encouraged to stay engaged, share the Vision within their networks, and help elevate water as a priority in conversations about California's future. ♦



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are not designed or intended for wildfire defense or suppression, and it would be impractical and costly to require them to function as such. The bill would establish that water supply or pressure limitations during a wildfire are not a substantial cause of wildfire damage. It also would require certain urban water suppliers in high fire-risk areas to include wildfire specific response procedures in their emergency response plans.

Rate Setting

AB 2180 (Ward, D-San Diego) has passed the Senate and is awaiting a concurrence vote in the Assembly.

This ACWA-sponsored bill would clarify how water agencies comply with Proposition 218 when setting water rates. The clarification would provide predictability for agencies, support California's water-use conservation goals and help minimize unnecessary legal disputes over water rates.

Water Affordability

SB 1125 (Menjivar, D-San Fernando Valley/Burbank) is up for a vote in the Assembly.

This ACWA-supported bill would establish a statewide low-income rate

assistance (LIRA) program. ACWA strongly supports state efforts to protect water affordability and has consistently advocated for a LIRA program that is workable and efficient for the public water agencies that will play a key role in administering it.

Golden Mussels

ACWA staff tracked and engaged on three bills related to golden mussels throughout the summer. AB 1772 (Papan, D-San Mateo), on which ACWA had a support-if-amended position, has been held in the Senate Appropriations Committee. AB 2032 (Ransom, D-Stockton) and AB 1894 (Rubio, D-Baldwin Park), on which ACWA has favor positions, are progressing forward in the legislature. AB 2032 is awaiting a vote in the Senate, while AB 1894 has recently passed the Senate and awaits concurrence in the Assembly.

ACWA advocacy on the issue of golden mussels will remain focused on educating legislators about impacts to water agencies and the vital importance of funding to countering the threat of invasive species to water infrastructure. Members can access an informational fact sheet aimed at educating the public and decision makers through a July 6 Advisory available at acwa.com. Member login is required. 💧

ACWA Member Legislative Proposals for 2027 Due Sept. 25

ACWA is encouraging member agencies to submit ideas for legislative solutions that will help shape the association's advocacy during the 2027 legislative year.

Each year, member agencies are encouraged to submit proposals for ACWA to sponsor or support bills. ACWA's State Legislative Committee evaluates the proposals and determines which position to take. Member agencies that want to submit a proposal for consideration must do so by Sept. 25 by taking the following steps:

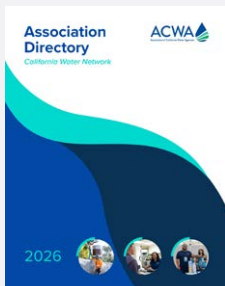
Complete the online Legislative Proposal Form available on the State Legislative Committee page of the ACWA website and linked in an Aug. 3 ACWA Advisory. Member login is required to access.

Obtain a resolution passed by the agency's governing body in support of the proposal (or at a minimum have a resolution for consideration noticed by Sept. 25) and attach it to the online form.

ACWA staff will contact agencies directly regarding the status of the proposal after it is submitted. Agencies may be asked to present their proposals to the State Legislative Committee at its Oct. 29 in-person planning meeting in Sacramento. 💧

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Region 9 Event Brings Together More than 100 Attendees

By Region 9 Chair Joseph Grindstaff

More than 100 attendees gathered for ACWA's Region 9 event, which featured insightful discussions on state water policy, advocacy and innovative approaches to addressing California's water challenges.

The first panel, moderated by ACWA Director of State Legislative Relations Julia Hall, provided an insider's perspective on legislative priorities and policy issues affecting local water agencies, including the need for more water infrastructure funding, water quality regulations, water affordability, a Low-Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) program, wildfire concerns, climate change and other pressing water-related challenges.

Panel speaker Assemblymember Natasha Johnson (R-Lake Elsinore) expressed disappointment that the Legislature is not prioritizing funding for water issues.

"There are funds available. We just have to reprioritize our budgets," she said. She specifically noted the state's SAFER drinking water program, which faces uncertain future funding under the state's 2026 budget.

"If we wanted to prioritize this program in Sacramento, we could," she said.

Looking ahead to California's next governor, Johnson stressed the need for the candidates to learn more about water challenges.

"We have to make water a priority," she said. "It's incredible that (the candidates) don't understand how significant it is. We're in a crisis."

Attendees also heard from Ed Manning, partner at KP Public Affairs, which represents several ACWA member agencies. Drawing on more than 30 years

of experience as a lobbyist, Manning shared practical strategies for effective water advocacy and building influence with policymakers.

The event concluded with a dynamic panel discussion focused on how collaboration and courageous leadership are essential to advancing major water initiatives. The speakers encouraged water agencies to work together more intentionally, rather than competing with one another, and to look beyond individual district interests to identify creative, regional solutions.

"We are stronger together than we are individually," said Heather Dyer, General Manager of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District.

The discussion also touched on SB 72 (Caballero, D-Merced), which updated the California Water Plan to include a water supply target of an additional 9 million acre-feet by 2040. All the speakers were key members of the California Water for All coalition, which worked to get the bill passed.

We were also honored to welcome brief opening remarks from ACWA President Ernie Avila and closing remarks from Vice President Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady, a proud Region 9 member. Attendees also heard an informative presentation from ACWA JPIA Chief Executive Officer Adrienne Beatty.

On behalf of the Region 9 Board of Directors, I want to extend our appreciation to speakers, our sponsors, whose support helped keep attendance affordable, and to ACWA staff who helped organize and manage the event logistics. ♡



Assemblymember Natasha Johnson, center, poses for a photo with ACWA President Ernie Avila and ACWA Vice President Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady during the Region 9 event.

Panel: "A Capitol Conversation: State Policy and Local Impacts"

Speakers: Julia Hall, State Relations Director, ACWA (moderator); Natasha Johnson, Assemblymember; Danielle Coats, Director of Government and Public Affairs, Rancho Water

Presentation: "Building Influence Through Effective Water Advocacy," by Ed Manning, Partner, KP Public Affairs

Panel: "What it Really Takes to Win in Water: Turning Big Ideas Into Reality"

Speakers: Sarah Macdonald, Assistant General Manager, Western Municipal Water District (moderator); Dan Denham, General Manager, San Diego County Water Authority; Heather Dyer, General Manager, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; Craig Miller, General Manager, Western Municipal Water District

Event Sponsors: ACWA JPIA, Desert Water Agency, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District, Stantec and Western Municipal Water District.

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- Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority (Region 8)
- Consolidated Water District (Region 7)

August 3, 2026

Dear ACWA Members:

ACWA's greatest strength has always been the collective voice of its members. Your expertise, engagement and collaboration are what make our association successful and help shape California's water future. The past year has provided many exciting examples of that collaboration at work as we celebrate ACWA's 14th annual Membership Appreciation Month.

That spirit of partnership is reflected in ACWA's 2025-'29 Strategic Plan and our Vision for Our Water Future initiative. Together, these efforts strengthen ACWA's statewide leadership and position us to meet California's evolving water challenges.

As ACWA President and Vice President, we are honored to represent a world-class association with a proud history of advancing the interests of California's water community. Our priority remains clear: strengthening ACWA's voice in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., while ensuring members play a leading role in shaping our water future.

At the same time, your membership provides valuable benefits, including timely policy updates, specialized resources, professional development, networking opportunities, conferences, webinars and leadership opportunities through regions, committees and task forces. Together, these programs strengthen both your organization and our association.

Throughout August, we invite you to join us for Membership Appreciation Month by participating in virtual events celebrating your contributions to ACWA and California's water community. Visit acwa.com/events to learn more and follow ACWA on social media for opportunities to win exclusive prizes and stay informed about your member benefits.

Thank you for your partnership, your leadership and your continued commitment to ACWA!

Ernie Avila
ACWA President

Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady
ACWA Vice President



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EXPLORING THE WATER WORLD ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA

With a new governor taking office in January 2027, the window to make water a top priority is now. Vision for Our Water Future is a member-driven initiative that positions ACWA to elevate water with gubernatorial candidates and advance a unified policy agenda for safe, reliable and affordable water.

As an ACWA member, we rely on you to help amplify that message in your community, among your local elected officials and with the gubernatorial candidates.

To the right are some great examples of ACWA member posts related to the Vision for Our Water Future initiative.

Be sure to check out the tools available in our toolkit so your agency can amplify the Vision for Our Water Future initiative.

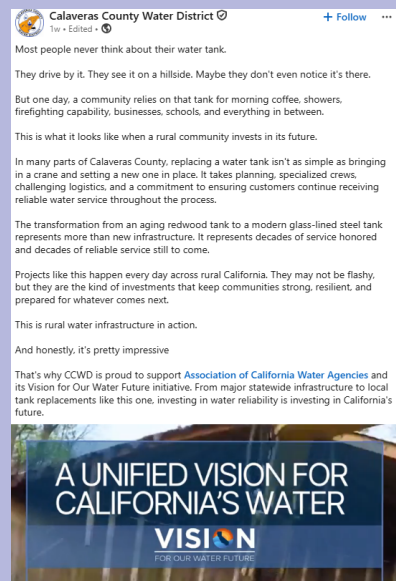
ACWA highlights creative social media posts from ACWA so be sure to follow along (and tag us!) on Facebook, X, LinkedIn, YouTube and Instagram @ACWAWater.



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Calaveras County Water District used the Canva template included in the toolkit to make a quick video that showcased an example of investing in important infrastructure for a rural community – a great case study for the Vision initiative.

Rancho Water shared the quick reel type video on LinkedIn, highlighting the many ways water contributes to a thriving California.



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THIS MONTH IN ACWA HISTORY

10 years ago

San Luis Reservoir hit a 27-year low despite healthy winter storms and above-average historic water levels at Lake Shasta. The exceptionally low storage level sparked concerns over the operation of the Central Valley Project, with critics saying federal officials were over-emphasizing species protection at the expense of other water uses.

20 years ago

ACWA voiced support for Proposition 84, a \$5.4 billion water and resources measure, during a joint Assembly and Senate informational hearing. The proposition's benefits echoed many in-depth recommendations made by ACWA in its "No Time to Waste: A Blueprint for

California Water." Voters approved the bond measure the following November.

30 years ago

President Bill Clinton signed legislation reauthorizing the Safe Drinking Water Act. As law, the reauthorized act reformed the standard-setting process for drinking water, gave states more flexibility to meet regulations and provided a funding mechanism to help water suppliers improve their systems.

40 years ago

"Cadillac Desert" by Marc Reisner was first published and became a must-read for California water professionals. The book examined conflicts over water in the West, and Reisner went on to speak at ACWA events and conferences.

50 years ago

ACWA Executive Director John P. Fraser wrote a letter to President Gerald Ford in favor of legislation to provide partial exemptions from price controls for state-owned oil. ACWA supported the legislation because revenues from the sale of state-owned oil provided an essential part of financing for the State Water Project. ♦



President Bill Clinton signs the Safe Drinking Water Act in 1996.



Photo courtesy of Crestline Village Water District

Bear Visits Member Agency

Working in water can get pretty wild sometimes, which recently landed an ACWA member agency in the national news after a young black bear paid a brief visit to its front lobby.

On July 22, a **security video** at the **Crestline Village Water District** captured the bear pushing open a glass door, peering over a counter and then showing itself out and loping back into the surrounding San Bernardino Mountains wilderness.





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Fresno ID Starts Deliveries to Biola Recharge Basin

For the first time, surface water from Fresno Irrigation District's (FID) Herndon Canal is flowing into the Biola Community Services District's (CSD) 6-acre groundwater recharge basin.

This July milestone marks the completion of the Biola Groundwater Recharge Project, which enables Biola, a groundwater-dependent disadvantaged community in northwest Fresno County, to be fully groundwater sustainable. Biola CSD may be the first to reach this groundwater sustainable milestone in a critically over drafted groundwater basin as defined by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Completed in 2024, the project includes a new turnout connecting FID's Herndon Canal to the basin providing approximately 30 acre-feet of storage capacity. Together, the improvements allow Biola CSD to capture available surface water, replenish



Photo courtesy of North Kings GSA

the local aquifer, and offset groundwater pumping under SGMA.

"This project represents years of planning and collaboration," stated Biola CSD General Manager Carmen Zamora in a news release. "For a small community like Biola, having the ability to recharge groundwater with surface water is a tremendous investment in our water resilient future."

The project was made possible through funding provided by DWR and the County of Fresno, along with strong

partnerships between Biola CSD, FID, North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), and local and regional stakeholders.

"Projects like this show what can be accomplished when agencies work together toward a common goal," stated North Kings GSA Executive Officer Kassy Chauhan in the news release. "Every successful recharge project strengthens local groundwater supplies and helps our region move closer to achieving long-term groundwater sustainability under SGMA." ♦

Sacramento Suburban Purchases Well Contracting Company

Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) recently purchased Kirby's Pump and Mechanical (KPM), a California Class A General Contractor that specializes in mechanical work on groundwater well pump systems.

Licensed groundwater well contractors are in short supply in California. Adding KPM's expertise allows the district to maintain pumping capacity and respond quickly to repairs, both reactively and proactively.

An SSWD Board committee reviewed KPM's performance and commissioned an independent cost-benefit analysis. The independent analysis found that SSWD would recoup the KPM purchase in under 3.5 years and achieve approximately \$7 million in cost savings over a ten-year



Photo courtesy of SSWD

period compared with maintaining the current contract.

SSWD entered into an exclusive agreement with KPM in 2023 to maintain and repair the district's 70-plus groundwater wells for the next five years. SSWD relies on groundwater, and having exclusive access to their services was critical to avoiding prolonged well outages.

"During the three years that KPM worked exclusively with SSWD, they've made a significant difference in strengthening the reliability of our water system," stated SSWD General Manager Dan York in a news release. "Their work has restored approximately 100,000 GPM of pumping capacity. They have also rehabilitated 19 wells, upgraded and repaired motor and electrical service, and made numerous other improvements that made our operations more efficient." ♦



Laurene Green

Zone 7 Board Elects Leaders, Welcomes New Members

The Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors in July elected new leadership and welcomed three recently elected members.

The Board named **Laurene Green** as President and **Sarah Palmer** as Vice President. Green has served on the Board since 2020 and has technical expertise in groundwater, water resources and environmental engineering.

Palmer has served on the Board since 2006 and also serves on the ACWA Board of Directors.

She has a Ph.D. in biochemistry and is a retired science teacher.

New members of the seven-member Zone 7 Board include **Alan Burnham**, **Jim Lehrman** and **Sean Roberts**. Burnham has spent much of his career at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory contributing to energy and national security research. Lehrman is a licensed professional geologist and certified hydrogeologist. Roberts is a computer engineer with more than 25 years of experience leading large-scale infrastructure and technology programs. ♦



Taryn Ravazzini

Kern County Water Names Ravazzini AGM

The Kern County Water Agency has named **Taryn Ravazzini** as Assistant General Manager – Strategic Initiatives.

Based in Sacramento, Ravazzini will join the agency's Executive Management Team to lead the agency's strategic, regulatory and legislative initiatives before the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Department of Water Resources, the state Legislature and fellow State Water Project contractors.

She will report directly to General Manager **Eric L. Averett**. Ravazzini, an attorney, brings more than 20 years of executive leadership experience, most recently serving as Executive Director of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority.

Previously, she served as Deputy Director at the California Department of Water Resources, where she led the statewide implementation of SGMA. ♦



Lenet Pacheco

Region 8 Board Appoints Pacheco

ACWA Region 8 Board of Directors in August appointed **Lenet Pacheco** to fill a vacant seat left by **Jacquelyn McMillan**.

Pacheco has served on the Valley County Water District Board in Baldwin Park since

2009, having been reelected three times. She is a graduate of the Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) program and her experience spans water policy advocacy, financial oversight and work with ACWA JPIA. She co-owns an electrical contracting business. ♦



Michael Lin

WVWD Appoints Lin to Board

The Walnut Valley Water District Board of Directors has appointed **Michael Lin** to fill a vacancy created after former Board member **Scarlett Kwong** relocated outside the district's service area.

Lin was appointed following a public recruitment and interview process and will serve until the November 2026 election, when voters will elect a representative to complete the remainder of the term. He is a certified public accountant and business leader with experience in financial management, strategic planning, governance and regulatory compliance. ♦

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ACWA Region 5 Event
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Explore United Water's critical water infrastructure in Oxnard, from groundwater recharge and treatment to dam safety and resilience. Tour key facilities, learn about regional water challenges, and connect with water professionals at a welcome reception.

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ACWA Region 3 Event
ACWA | Placerville

Explore California's Highway 50 water corridor with stops at EID headquarters, Sly Park and an Apple Hill farm. See fire recovery, flume infrastructure, and agricultural partnerships firsthand, then network at a post-tour reception and wine tasting at Boeger Winery in the scenic Sierra foothills.

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ACWA Executive Edge Leadership Forum
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The ACWA Executive Edge Leadership Forum is a professional development event for public agency executives focused on strengthening leadership, communication, strategic thinking and collaboration through interactive sessions and peer networking.

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ACWA CLE Workshop – Water Rights 101: Fundamentals of California Surface Water Rights
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Learn the basics of California surface water rights, including riparian, appropriative, and prescriptive rights, how they are regulated, and common issues facing water users.

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ACWA Region 6 & 7 Event
ACWA | Five Points

Join ACWA Regions 6 & 7 and Westlands Water District for a full-day tour exploring subsidence, innovative irrigation and water management, desalination, aquifer storage, and large-scale solar energy projects.

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ACWA Region 1 Event
ACWA | Russian River Watershed

Join ACWA Region 1 and Sonoma Water for a behind-the-scenes tour of Russian River water management, featuring collector wells, the Water Education Center, and a special FIRO presentation at Lake Sonoma.

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