

Via U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail

TO: ACWA Member Agency Board Presidents and General Managers

CC: ACWA Board of Director

FROM: Dave Eggerton, ACWA Executive Director

DATE: October 5, 2022

SUBJECT: Notice of General Session Membership Meeting — November 30, 2022

There will be a General Session Membership Meeting at the ACWA 2022 Fall Conference on **Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the Crystal Ballroom, Renaissance Esmeralda Resort Hotel, Indian Wells. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a vote by the membership on proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Association of California Water Agencies as recommended by the Board of Directors at its meeting on September 23, 2022.

Proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws

As part of ongoing efforts to ensure ACWA's Bylaws are current and reflect consistency with other governance documents and daily operations and to implement changes related to the election of ACWA's Board Officers, the Board of Directors is recommending proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws for consideration by the membership.

Staff worked with Dale Stern, Downey Brand LLP, to prepare the proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws, which include the following changes:

- Amendments to clarify language and to reflect consistency with other governance documents and daily operations
- Amendments to implement changes to the Board Officers' election process as recommended by the Election Task Force
- Amendments to incorporate California Corporations Code provisions allowing meetings to be held by electronic communication
- Restructuring and reformatting to incorporate a new numbering system

Legal Affairs Committee (LAC) Chair, Jennifer Buckman, appointed LAC member, Doug Coty, to serve as the committee's representative to review the proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws and provide an analysis pursuant to ACWA Bylaws (Article 9, Section 8). The proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws reflect the LAC's recommended edits as adopted by the ACWA Board on September 23.

Redline and clean versions of the proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws are available on ACWA's website at the link listed below. The materials have also been emailed to member agency general managers and board presidents.

<https://www.acwa.com/2022-membership-meeting/>

Voting Process

Consistent with ACWA's Bylaws, Article 9, Section 5:

- Each member of the Association shall be entitled to one vote that shall be cast by its authorized representative.
- Voters must be present at the membership meeting to vote.

ACWA will be using a voting system called Live-Tally, which will allow voters to vote using a handheld keypad.

- Member agencies must indicate their voting representative and alternate on the attached Voter Designation & Information Form as well as provide all of the information identified on the form in order for ACWA to facilitate all aspects of the membership meeting and voting processes.

Deadline & Changes

The deadline for submitting the Voter Designation & Information Form is **Wednesday, November 23, 2022**. While this form identifies both a voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate for the ACWA member agency, if for any reason the member agency desires for the alternate voting delegate to vote at the membership meeting in place of its designated voting delegate, the member agency must notify ACWA in advance of its exchange of voting delegates by contacting the Senior Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at donnap@acwa.com or 916-669-2425 **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2022**.

ACWA General Session Desk

ACWA staff will be available at the **ACWA General Session Desk**, located in the Crystal Ballroom Foyer, Renaissance Esmeralda Resort Hotel, on **Wednesday, November 30**, between **9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.** to answer questions about the membership meeting and voting process.

Voters need to check in at the ACWA General Session Desk on Wednesday, November 30, between 10:00 and 11:45 a.m. to pick up handheld keypads.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed Amended Bylaws and Restated or voting process, please contact Senior Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at 916-669-2425 or donnap@acwa.com.

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Attachments:

1. Voter Designation & Information Form
2. Proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws (redline version) – see website link above
3. Proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws (clean version) – see website link above