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## MEMORANDUM

Date: May 22, 2017

To: ACWA REGION 5 MEMBER AGENCY PRESIDENTS AND GENERAL MANAGERS  
(sent via e-mail)

From: ACWA REGION 5 NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
**Jill Duerig**, Zone 7 Water Agency  
**Rick Gilmore**, Byron Bethany Irrigation District  
**Bette Boatman**, Contra Costa Water District

The Region 5 Nominating Committee is looking for ACWA members who are interested in leading the direction of ACWA Region 5 for the 2018-2019 term. The Nominating Committee is currently seeking candidates for the Region 5 Board, which is comprised of Chair, Vice Chair and up to five Board Member positions.

The leadership of ACWA's ten geographical regions is integral to the leadership of the Association as a whole. The Chair and Vice Chair of Region 5 serve on ACWA's Statewide Board of Directors and recommend all committee appointments for Region 5. The members of the Region 5 Board determine the direction and focus of region issues and activities. Additionally, they support the fulfillment of ACWA's goals on behalf of members and serve as a key role in ACWA's grassroots outreach efforts.

If you, or someone within your agency, are interested in serving in a leadership role within ACWA by becoming a Region 5 Board Member, please familiarize yourself with the Role of the Regions and Responsibilities; the Election Timeline; and the [Region 5 Rules and Regulations](#) and complete the following steps:

- Complete the attached Region Board Candidate Nomination Form [HERE](#)

- **Obtain a Resolution of Support from your agency's Board of Directors** (Sample Resolution [HERE](#))
- **Submit the requested information to ACWA as indicated by Friday, June 30, 2017**

The Region 5 Nominating Committee will announce their recommended slate by July 31, 2017. On August 1, 2017 the election will begin with ballots sent to General Managers and Board Presidents. One ballot per agency will be counted. The election will be completed by September 29, 2017. On October 5, 2017, election results will be announced. The newly elected Region 5 Board Members will begin their two-year term of service on January 1, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact Members Services and Region Specialist II Ana Javid, at [AnaJ@acwa.com](mailto:AnaJ@acwa.com) or (916) 441-4545.

A stylized map of California is positioned in the top right corner of the page. The map is color-coded with various shades of green and brown, representing different regions or watersheds. Major cities and geographical features are labeled in small text. The map is partially obscured by the blue header area.

## ACWA Region 5 Rules & Regulations

*Each region shall organize and adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and affairs not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or bylaws of the Association (ACWA Bylaw V, 6.).*

### **Officers**

Region officers must be a local agency board member.

The chair shall appoint a secretary to the Board if one is deemed necessary.

### **Attendance**

If a region chair or vice chair is no longer allowed to serve on the Board of Directors due to his / her attendance, the region board shall appoint from the existing region board a new region officer. (ACWA Policy & Guideline Q, 1.)

If a region chair or vice chair misses three consecutive region board / membership meetings, the same process shall be used to backfill the region officer position. (ACWA Policy & Guideline Q, 1.)

If a region board member has three consecutive unexcused absences from a region board meeting or general membership business meeting, the region board will convene to discuss options for removal of the inactive board member. If the vacancy causes the board to fail to meet the minimum requirement of five board members, the region must fill the vacancy according to its rules and regulations. (ACWA Policy & Guideline Q, 3.)

### **Vacancy**

The vice chair position shall automatically ascend to the chair position in the event that a vacancy occurs in the chair position during the regular term cycle.

### **Elections**

All nominations received for the region chair, vice chair and board positions must be accompanied by a resolution of support from each sponsoring member agency, signed by an authorized representative of the Board of Directors. Only one individual may be nominated from a given agency to run for election to a region board. Agencies with representatives serving on the nominating committees should strive not to submit nominations for the region board from their agency. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 2.)

Election ballots will be e-mailed to ACWA member agency general managers and presidents.

The nominating committee shall consist of three to five members.

In an effort to preserve objectivity during the nominating committee process, candidates other than nominating committee members shall be nominated for election.

The nominating committee should pursue qualified members within the region to run for the region board, and should consider geographic diversity, agency size and focus in selecting a slate.

*See the current region election timeline for specific dates.*



### **Endorsements**

ACWA, as a statewide organization, may endorse potential nominees and nominees for appointment to local, regional, and statewide commissions and boards. ACWA's regions may submit a recommendation for consideration and action to the ACWA Board of Directors to endorse a potential nominee or nominee for appointment to a local, regional or statewide commission or board. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 3.)

### **Committee Recommendations & Representation**

All regions are given equal opportunity to recommend representatives of the region for appointment to a standing or regular committee of the Association. If a region fails to provide full representation on all ACWA committees, those committee slots will be left open for the remainder of the term or until such time as the region designates a representative to complete the remainder of the term. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 4. A.)

At the first region board / membership meeting of the term, regions shall designate a representative serving on each of the standing and regular committees to serve as the official reporter to and from the committee on behalf of the region to facilitate input and communication. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 4. B.)

### **Tours**

ACWA may develop and conduct various tours for the regions. All tour attendees must sign a "release and waiver" to attend any and all region tours. Attendees agree to follow environmental guidelines and regulations in accordance with direction from ACWA staff; and will respect the rights and privacy of other attendees. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 6.)

### **Finances**

See "Financial Guidelines for ACWA Region Events" document.

### **Amending the Region Rules & Regulations**

ACWA policies and guidelines can be amended by approval of the ACWA Board of Directors. The Region 5 Rules & Regulations can be amended by a majority vote of those present at any Region 5 meeting as long as a quorum is present.



# REGION BOARD CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Direct Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ ACWA Region: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Region Board Position Preference: (If you are interested in more than one position, please indicate priority – 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice)**

- Chair \_\_\_\_\_
- Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_
- Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

**In the event, you are not chosen for the recommended slate, would you like to be listed on the ballot's individual candidate section?** (If neither is selected, your name will **NOT** appear on the ballot.)

- Yes
- No

**Agency Function(s):** (check all that apply)

- Wholesale
- Sewage Treatment
- Flood Control
- Urban Water Supply
- Retailer
- Groundwater Management / Replenishment
- Ag Water Supply
- Wastewater Reclamation
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe your ACWA-related activities that help qualify you for this office:**

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**In the space provided, please write or attach a brief, half-page bio summarizing the experience and qualifications that make you a viable candidate for ACWA Region leadership. Please include the number of years you have served in your current agency position, the number of years you have been involved in water issues and in what capacity you have been involved in the water community.**

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*I acknowledge that the role of a region board member is to actively participate on the Region Board during my term, including attending region board and membership meetings, participating on region conference calls, participating in ACWA's Outreach Program, as well as other ACWA functions to set an example of commitment to the region and the association.*

*I hereby submit my name for consideration by the Nominating Committee.  
(Please attach a copy of your agency's resolution of support/sponsorship for your candidacy.)*

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 Signature Title Date