



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

DATE :
SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

TIME:
8:00 A.M.



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THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1021 E. Miramar Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711
September 3, 2025 – 8:00 AM

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NOTICE OF VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELECONFERENCE ACCESSIBILITY

Three Valleys MWD will hold this meeting of its Board of Directors on the date and time, and at the location set forth above. The public may participate in the meeting by physical attendance at the meeting or by videoconference or teleconference utilizing the following links:

Link to join webinar: <https://tvmwd.zoom.us/j/89189970665>

OR

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Any member of the public wishing to participate in public comment may do so in any of the following manners: (1) by using the "Raise Hand" feature on the Zoom platform and when prompted by the Board President during the public comment period, (2) by filling out the electronic speaker's card at the following link <https://arcg.is/0z5GqO> prior to the close of public comment, (3) by sending an email to PublicComment@tvmwd.com prior to the close of public comment, or (4) those attending the meeting in person may complete a speaker's card and provide it to the Executive Board Secretary prior to the close of public comment.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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2. ROLL CALL

AGUIRRE

Mike Ti, President

Carlos Goytia, Vice President

Jeff Hanlon, Secretary/Treasurer

David De Jesus, Director

Bob Kuhn, Director

Jorge Marquez, Director

Jody Roberto, Director

3. FLAG SALUTE

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4. DIRECTOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO AB 2449 [Government Code Section 54953(f)]

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4.A NOTIFICATION DUE TO JUST CAUSE

4.B REQUEST DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED ITEM 4.B

Staff Recommendation: None

5. AGENDA REORDER/ADDITIONS [Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2)]

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Additions to the agenda may be considered when two-thirds of the board members present determine a need for immediate action, and the need to act came to the attention of TVMWD after the agenda was posted; this exception requires a degree of urgency. If fewer than two-thirds of the board members are present, all must affirm the action to add an item to the agenda. The Board shall call for public comment prior to voting to add any item to the agenda after posting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (Government Code Section 54954.3)

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Opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Board on items of public interest within its jurisdiction. The public may also address the Board on items being considered on this agenda. TVMWD requests that all public speakers complete a speaker's card and provide it to the Executive Board Secretary.

We request that remarks be limited to three minutes or less. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, if speaker is utilizing a translator, the total allotted time will be doubled.

7. PRESENTATIONS

LITCHFIELD

7.A OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER AND DEMONSTRATION GARDEN – JOSE MARTINEZ, GENERAL MANAGER, VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

7.B WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER, ERIKA GOMEZ

8. ACTION AGENDA

The following items on the Action Agenda call for discussion and action by the Board. All items are placed on the agenda so that the Board may discuss and take action on the item if the Board is so inclined.

- 8.A ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-09-1011 TERMINATING THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT AND DISSOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL WATER DISTRICT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY LITCHFIELD

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED ITEM 8.A

Staff Recommendation: Approve as Presented

- 8.B ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-09-1012 AMENDING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE APPROVED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, EFFECTIVE JULY 2, 2025 LITCHFIELD

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED ITEM 8.B

Staff Recommendation: Approve as Presented

- 8.C ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-09-1013 AUTHORIZING AN UPDATE TO THE SIGNATORIES FOR LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND GOMEZ

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED ITEM 8.C

Staff Recommendation: Approve as Presented

- 8.D ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-09-1014 AUTHORIZING AN UPDATE TO THE SIGNATOIRES FOR CITIZENS BUSINESS BANK GOMEZ

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED ITEM 8.D

Staff Recommendation: Approve as Presented

9. REPORTS

The Executive Leadership Team will provide brief updates on existing matters under their purview and will be available to respond to any questions thereof.

- 9.A 2025 ELECTION OF ACWA PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND REGION 8 BOARD, 2026-27 TERM LITCHFIELD

9.B	EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE COSTS CY 2026	ROBLES
9.C	WATER RESOURCES UPDATE	LEE
10.	DIRECTORS'/GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORTS	TI
	Directors may report on activities for meetings to which they are assigned to serve as the representative or alternate of TVMWD and on other areas of interest.	
10.A	METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT	DE JESUS
10.B	CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER	KUHN
10.C	SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY	KUHN
10.D	MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER	HANLON
10.E	SIX BASINS WATERMASTER	HANLON
10.F	ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBER REPORTS	ALL
10.G	GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS	LITCHFIELD
11.	CLOSED SESSION	TI
11.A	CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]	
	Name of Case: Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al., San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. RCV RS 51010	
11.B	CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS [Government Code Section 54956.8]	
	Property: DD64045-01-01, North of Rte. 210 Fwy., East of Padua Ave., Claremont, California	
	District Negotiator: Matthew Litchfield, General Manager	
	Negotiating Parties: State of California Department of Transportation	
	Under Negotiation: Purchase and Sale Agreement	

11.C CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS [Government Code Section 54956.8]

Property: 1021 E. Miramar Avenue, Well No. 3, Claremont, California

District Negotiator: Matthew Litchfield, General Manager

Negotiating Parties: Golden State Water Company

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Acquisition

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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13. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

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The Board will adjourn to a regular Board of Directors meeting on September 17, 2025 at 8:00 AM.


In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Government Code Section 54954.2(a), if special assistance is needed to participate in this public meeting, please contact the Executive Board Secretary at (909) 621-5568 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5, materials related to an item on this agenda submitted after distribution of the agenda packet will be posted on the TVMWD website at.

Three Valleys MWD Board meeting packets and agendas are available for review at www.threevalleys.com

**BOARD ACTION****BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STAFF REPORT**

To: TVMWD Board of Directors

From: Matthew H. Litchfield, General Manager 

Date: September 3, 2025

Subject: Adopt Resolution No. 25-09-1011 Terminating the Joint Powers Authority Agreement and Dissolution of the San Gabriel Water District Joint Powers Authority

☐ **Funds Budgeted: \$**

☐ **Fiscal Impact: \$**

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 25-09-1011 terminating the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and dissolving the San Gabriel Water District Joint Powers Authority.

Background

Three Valleys Municipal Water District (Three Valleys), San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, and Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District entered into a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and formed the San Gabriel Valley Water Districts Joint Powers Authority (JPA), with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) on June 9, 2008. The JPA was formed to improve regional coordination and cooperation in water management and planning for the benefit of cities, government entities, and unincorporated areas in the San Gabriel Valley.

Discussion

Due to recent changes in SGVCOG membership eligibility, the JPA can no longer serve its intended function and is therefore rendered obsolete. The JPA was originally established solely to allow the three Member agencies to participate collectively as a voting member of SGVCOG; however, SGVCOG has since notified the JPA that it is no longer eligible to serve in that capacity. As a result, the JPA no longer fulfills any functional role. Each Member agency has expressed support for dissolution, and in accordance with Section 6 of the Joint Powers Agreement, the JPA may be terminated by a majority vote of the Governing Board. Each Member agency has

either adopted or intends to adopt a resolution supporting this action. Attached as **Exhibit A** is Resolution No. 25-09-1011, which formally terminates the JPA Agreement and authorizes staff from each Member agency to complete the dissolution process, including all required notifications and asset distribution.

Environmental Impact

None

Strategic Plan Objective(s)

2.2 – Accountability

Attachment(s)

Exhibit A – Resolution No. 25-09-1011

Meeting History

Board of Directors Meeting, February 5, 2025, Informational Item Only

NA/ML

RESOLUTION NO. 25-09-1011
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
TERMINATING JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT OF THE
SAN GABRIEL WATER DISTRICT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY,
DISSOLVING THE AUTHORITY AND DIRECTING STAFF TO PROCEED
WITH ACTIONS NECESSARY TO DISSOLVE THE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Three Valleys Municipal Water District ("TVMWD"), San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District ("SGVMWD") and Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District ("USGVMWD") (individually, a "Member" and collectively, the "Members") executed a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement dated June 9, 2008 (the "JPA Agreement") to form and establish the San Gabriel Water District Joint Powers Authority (the "Authority") in connection with the Members' membership in the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (the "Council"); and

WHEREAS, the Members were recently informed they could no longer participate through the Authority as a regular member of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the sole purpose of the Authority was to facilitate the Members' participation in the Council; and

WHEREAS, in light of the inability of the Authority to continue to participate as a regular member of the Council, the Members have determined there no longer is a need to continue with the Authority's existence; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the JPA Agreement provides the JPA Agreement may be terminated by the affirmative vote of a majority of the then total voting membership of the Authority's Governing Board, which is allocated one vote for each Member; and

WHEREAS, each Authority Member desires to terminate the JPA Agreement and dissolve the Authority and deems this action to be taken by the respective Member in lieu of any action by the Authority's Governing Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District hereby:

1. Votes to terminate the Joint of Exercise of Powers Agreement of the San Gabriel Water District Joint Powers Authority, effective immediately.
2. Directs the TVMWD staff, along with the other Members' staffs, to

proceed with the dissolution, winding up and liquidation of the Authority, with any remaining assets of the Authority to be equally disbursed as soon as feasible among the Members.

3. As of the date that the last Member to act has voted to terminate the JPA Agreement and dissolve the Authority (the "Termination Date"), the management of each Member is directed to take all actions related to the dissolution of the Authority, including, but not limited, notifying all federal, state and local agencies of the termination of the JPA Agreement and of the Authority's dissolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District this 3rd day of September, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Mike Ti, President
Board of Directors

Attest:

Jeff Hanlon, Secretary

SEAL:



BOARD ACTION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS STAFF REPORT

To: TVMWD Board of Directors

From: Matthew H. Litchfield, General Manager 

Date: September 3, 2025

Subject: Adopt Resolution No. 25-09-1012 Amending the Conflict of Interest Code
Approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Effective July 2, 2025

☐ Funds Budgeted: \$

☐ Fiscal Impact: \$

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 25-09-1012 amending the Conflict of Interest Code.

Discussion

At the September 4, 2024 Board of Directors meeting, the Board was briefed on the Conflict of Interest Code biennial review process initiated by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS). Current designated positions were reviewed, and it was determined that the Conflict of Interest Code should be amended to change two position titles: (1) *Senior Financial Analyst* to *Finance Manager* and (2) *Executive Assistant* to *Executive Board Secretary*, in accordance with the district's organizational chart. The BOS, at its meeting on July 1, 2025, approved the amended Conflict of Interest Code, effective July 2, 2025. It is recommended that the Board approve Resolution No. 25-09-1012 adopting the amended Conflict of Interest Code.

Environmental Impact

None

Strategic Plan Objective(s)

2.2 – Accountability

Attachment(s)

Exhibit A – Resolution No. 25-09-1012

Exhibit B – Conflict of Interest Code

Meeting History

Board of Directors Meeting, September 4, 2024, Informational Item Only

NA/ML

RESOLUTION NO. 25-09-1012
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

WHEREAS, the Three Valleys Municipal Water District is a municipal water district located within the County of Los Angeles and organized and operating pursuant to California Water Code Section 71000 et seq.;

WHEREAS, the District is a local government agency subject to the requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974, California Government Code Section 81000 et seq.;

WHEREAS, Section 87300 of the Act requires all local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes pursuant to the provisions of the Act;

WHEREAS, the Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation, 2 Cal. Code of Regs. Section 18730, which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code which can be incorporated by reference, and which may be amended by the FPPC after public notice and hearing to conform to amendments in the Act;

WHEREAS, the District desires to comply with its statutory requirements under the Act and to provide a method to ensure that its Conflict of Interest Code is current and consistent with the prevailing provisions of the Act and the regulations of the FPPS; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2025, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors approved the attached amended Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Code for the District, effective July 2, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District as follows:

Section 1. The Conflict of Interest Code attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference is hereby adopted.

Section 2. This Resolution supersedes Resolution No. 23-02-955 and the Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Code approved by the District's Board of Directors on February 15, 2023, and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED and **PASSED** at a meeting of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District's Board of Directors, on this 3rd day of September 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Mike Ti
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Jeff Hanlon
Secretary, Board of Directors

SEAL:

Conflict of Interest Code
of the

THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Incorporation of FPPC Regulation 18730 (2 California Code of Regulations, Section 18730) by Reference

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, *et seq.*) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code of Regs. Section 18730), which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code. After public notice and hearing, it may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730, and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, are hereby incorporated by reference into Three Valleys Municipal Water District's ("Agency") Conflict of Interest Code. This regulation and the attached Appendices (or Exhibits) designating officials and employees and establishing economic disclosure categories shall constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of this Agency.

Place of Filing of Statements of Economic Interests

All officials and employees required to submit a Statement of Economic Interests ("Statement") shall file their Statements with the Agency head; or his or her designee. The Agency shall make and retain a copy of all Statements filed by its Directors and General Manager/Chief Engineer and forward the originals of such Statements to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County.

The Agency shall retain the originals of Statements for all other Designated Positions named in the Agency's conflict of interest code. All retained Statements, original or copied, shall be available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Section 81008).

THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
EXHIBIT "A"

CATEGORY 1

Persons in this category shall disclose all interest in real property within the jurisdiction. Real property shall be deemed to be within the jurisdiction if the property or any part of it is located within or not more than two miles outside the boundaries of the jurisdiction or within two miles of any land owned or used by the Agency.

Persons are not required to disclose a residence, such as a home or vacation cabin, used exclusively as a personal residence; however, a residence in which a person rents out a room or for which a person claims a business deduction may be reportable.

CATEGORY 2

Persons in this category shall disclose all investments and business positions.

CATEGORY 3

Persons in this category shall disclose all income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) and business positions.

CATEGORY 4

Persons in this category shall disclose all business positions, investments in, or income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received from business entities that manufacture, provide or sell services and/or supplies of a type utilized by the Agency and associated with the job assignment of designated positions assigned to this disclosure category.

CATEGORY 5

Persons in this category shall disclose all income (including gifts, loans and travel payments) from any Agency employee, any representative or association of such employee; and business positions or income (including gifts, loans and travel payments) from any entity owned or controlled by such employee's spouse or other financial dependent.

THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
EXHIBIT "B"

<u>Designated Positions</u>	<u>Disclosure Categories</u>
Director	1, 2, 3
General Manager/Chief Engineer	1, 2, 3
Chief Administrative Officer	1, 2, 3
Chief Finance Officer	1, 2, 3
Finance Manager	4
Chief Water Resources Officer	1, 2, 3
Chief Operations Officer	1, 2, 3
Operations Supervisor	4
Executive Board Secretary	4
Information Technology Manager	4
Human Resources/Risk Manager	4, 5
Engineer	1, 4
Consultants/New Positions*	

* Consultants/New Positions are included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code, subject to the following limitations:

The General Manager/Chief Engineer or his or her designee may determine in writing that a particular consultant or new position, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with disclosure requirements in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's or new position's duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The General Manager/Chief Engineer or his or her designee's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this conflict-of-interest code. (Gov. Code Section 81008.)

Individuals who perform under contract the identical duties of any designated position shall be required to file Statements disclosing reportable interests in the categories assigned to that designated position.


EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/2/2025



BOARD ACTION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS STAFF REPORT

To: TVMWD Board of Directors

From: Matthew H. Litchfield, General Manager 

Date: September 3, 2025

Subject: Adopt Resolution No. 25-09-1013 Authorizing an Update to the Signatories for Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)

☐ **Funds Budgeted: \$**

☐ **Fiscal Impact: \$**

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 25-09-1013, updating the signatories authorized to order the deposit or withdrawal of funds in TVMWD's LAIF account.

Discussion

TVMWD has an account with LAIF to earn a greater return on funds over a short-term basis, as opposed to funds kept with Chandler Asset Management that mature from 0-5 years.

LAIF requires a current resolution approved by the Board that reflects each person authorized to perform day-to-day business transactions pertaining to TVMWD's LAIF. The attached resolution, if approved, updates the employees authorized to perform these actions as follows: Erika Gomez, Chief Finance Officer – added (effective September 3, 2025), Matthew H. Litchfield, General Manager, Brittany Aguilar, Finance Manager.

Environmental Impact

None

Strategic Plan Objective(s)

2.1 – Financial Stability

Attachment(s)

Exhibit A – Resolution No. 25-09-1013 Authorizing an Update to the Signatories for Local Agency Investment Fund

Meeting History

None

NA/EG

RESOLUTION NO. 25-09-1013

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING AN UPDATE TO THE SIGNATORIES FOR
LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND**

WHEREAS, the Three Valleys Municipal Water District ("the District"), located at 1021 East Miramar Avenue, Claremont, California, is a municipal water district organized and operating pursuant to Water Code Section 71000 et seq.

WHEREAS, The Local Agency Investment Fund is established in the State Treasury under Government Code section 16429.1 et. seq. for the deposit of money of a local agency for purposes of investment by the State Treasurer.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors hereby finds that the deposit and withdrawal of money in the Local Agency Investment Fund in accordance with Government Code section 16429.1 et. seq. for the purpose of investment as provided therein is in the best interests of the District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the deposit and withdrawal of District monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund in the State Treasury in accordance with Government Code section 16429.1 et. seq. for the purpose of investment as provided therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The following District officers holding the titles specified hereinbelow **or their successors in office** are each hereby authorized to order the deposit or withdrawal of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund Account Number ending 019 and may execute and deliver any and all documents necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this resolution and the transactions contemplated hereby:

MATTHEW H. LITCHFIELD General Manager	ERIKA GOMEZ Chief Finance Officer	BRITTANY AGUILAR Finance Manager
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Section 2. This resolution shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded by the Board of Directors by resolution and a copy of the resolution rescinding this resolution is filed with the State Treasurer's Office.

ADOPTED and PASSED at a meeting of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District's Board of Directors, on this 3rd day of September 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Mike Ti
President, Board of Directors


ATTEST:

Jeff Hanlon
Secretary, Board of Directors

SEAL:

**BOARD ACTION****BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STAFF REPORT**

To: TVMWD Board of Directors

From: Matthew H. Litchfield, General Manager 

Date: September 3, 2025

Subject: Resolution No. 25-09-1014 Authorizing an Update to the Signatories for Citizens Business Bank

☐ **Funds Budgeted: \$**☐ **Fiscal Impact: \$****Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 25-09-1014, updating the signatories authorized to order the deposit or withdrawal of funds in TVMWD's Citizens Business Bank accounts.

Discussion

TVMWD has a checking account and a sweep (interest bearing) account with Citizens Business Bank to serve as our primary account for day-to-day transactions.

Citizens Business Bank requires a current resolution approved by the Board that reflects each person who is authorized to perform day-to-day business transactions pertaining to TVMWD's Citizens Business Bank account. The attached resolution, if approved, updates the employees authorized to perform these actions as follows: Erika R. Gomez, Chief Finance Officer – added (effective September 3, 2025), Jeffrey W. Hanlon, Board Treasurer, Matthew H. Litchfield, General Manager, Kirk R. Howie, Chief Administrative Officer.

Environmental Impact

None

Strategic Plan Objective(s)

2.1 – Financial Stability

Attachment(s)

Exhibit A – Resolution No. 25-09-1014 Authorizing an Update to the Signatories for Citizens Business Bank

Meeting History

None

NA/EG

RESOLUTION NO. 25-09-1014

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING AN UPDATE TO THE SIGNATORIES
FOR CITIZENS BUSINESS BANK**

WHEREAS, the Three Valleys Municipal Water District (“the District”), located at 1021 East Miramar Avenue, Claremont, California, is a municipal water district organized and operating pursuant to Water Code Section 71000 et seq.

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution will supersede all previous resolutions passed by the Board of Directors with respect to account signatories for Citizens Business Bank Account Numbers ending in 7091 and 2233.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors does hereby authorize that all previously authorized signatories are removed, and the following District employees shall be authorized to order the deposit or withdrawal of monies in the Citizens Business Bank Account Numbers ending in 7091 and 2233:

MATTHEW H. LITCHFIELD General Manager	JEFFREY W. HANLON Board Treasurer	KIRK R. HOWIE Chief Administrative Officer	ERIKA R. GOMEZ Chief Finance Officer
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NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Mike, Ti
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Jeffrey Hanlon
Secretary, Board of Directors


SEAL:



BOARD INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS STAFF REPORT

To: TVMWD Board of Directors

From: Matthew H. Litchfield, General Manager 

Date: September 3, 2025

Subject: 2025 Election of ACWA President, Vice President, & Region 8 Board, 2026-27 Term

☐ **Funds Budgeted: \$**

☐ **Fiscal Impact: \$**

Staff Recommendation

No Action Necessary – Informational Item Only

Discussion

ACWA has launched the election process for the 2026-27 term for President, Vice President, and region board members. The election process for officers and region boards is combined. Voting for both sets of candidates will be done electronically by the districts designated voter, Director Kuhn for TVMWD, on a single ballot. The deadline to submit is September 19, 2025, with results announced on September 26, 2025. Newly elected officers and board members will be formally introduced at the ACWA Fall Conference in San Diego on December 3, 2025.

This item will return for action at the September 17, 2025, Board of Directors meeting. At that time, the Board will provide direction to Director Kuhn regarding how to cast TVMWD's vote.

The following is the list of candidates:

President (single candidate)

Ernesto A. Avila, Board President
Contra Costa Water District

Vice President (single candidate)

Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady, Director
Rancho California Water District

Write-in candidates must be an elected or appointed director of an ACWA member agency and must submit a nominating/support resolution from their member agency's board no later than September 19.

Region 8 Nominating Committee Recommended Slate

Chair:

- Anthony R. Fellow, Board Member, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

Vice Chair:

- Scott Quady, Director, Calleguas Municipal Water District

Board Members:

- William Cooper, Vice President, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
- Robert W. Lewis, Board of Director, Rowland Water District
- Jacquelyn McMillan, Board Member, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Chisom Obegolu, Assistant General Manager – Water Services, City of Glendale Water & Power
- Richard Wilson, Assistant General Manager – Water, Burbank Water & Power

Agencies may either vote for the slate recommended by the Region Nominating Committee or vote for individual region board members.

Environmental Impact

None

Strategic Plan Objective(s)

2.2 – Accountability

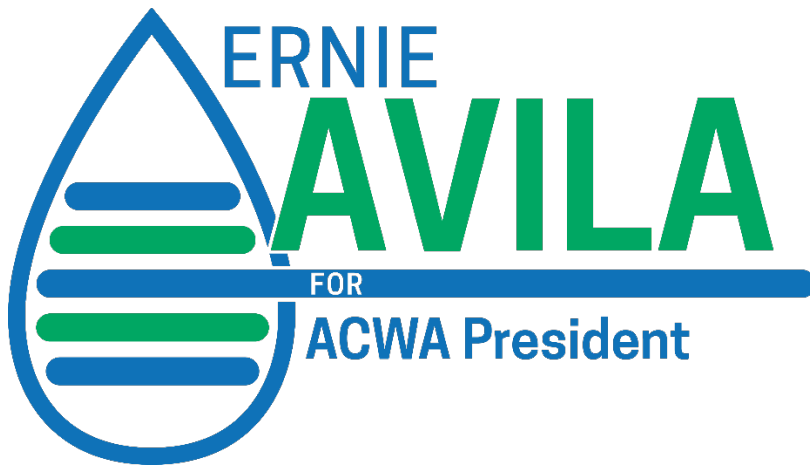
Attachment(s)

Exhibit A – Candidate Qualifications

Meeting History

Board of Directors Meeting, May 7, 2025, Informational Item Only

NA/ML



“The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) truly represents the nexus of knowledge and leadership in water for California. As the current Vice-President of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), I am most proud of the thought, energy and collaboration that went into developing the 2025-’29 Strategic Plan. I want to be the next ACWA President to continue the momentum we have built focusing on four primary goals of Advocacy, Connections, Education and Organizational Effectiveness. This Strategic Plan is about finding new ways to benefit the members of ACWA as we navigate the shifts in water policy at the state and federal level. My commitment is to unify our collective efforts and better assert ACWA’s leadership in shaping California’s water policy.”

– Ernesto (Ernie) Avila, P.E.

ACWA LEADERSHIP

- Vice-President
- Executive Committee of the ACWA Board of Directors
- ACWA Strategic Plan Task Force Chair
- ACWA Region 5 Board of Directors
- ACWA JPIA Executive Committee

ACWA COMMITTEES

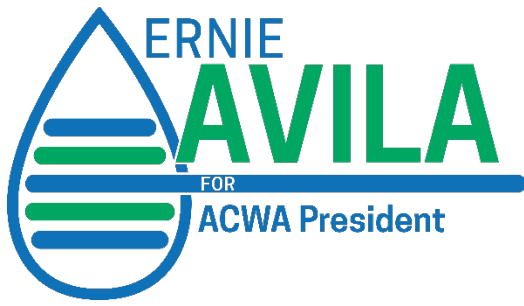
- Local Government Committee, Chair
 - Property Tax Working Group
 - Housing Densification Working Group
 - Paving Standards Working Group
- Federal Affairs Committee
- Foundation Fundraising Working Group

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT

- Contra Costa Water District, Board President
- Operations & Engineering, Committee Chair
- East Bay Leadership Council, Director

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Vice-President, Avila and Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, General Manager
- Director of Engineering, Contra Costa Water District
- California Urban Water Agencies, Executive Director



Ernesto (Ernie) Avila, PE
Board President
Contra Costa Water District

Recent ACWA and Regional Water Coalition Experience

Association of CA Water Agencies (ACWA). I have had the honor of supporting ACWA over twenty years at the regional, state and federal level. My recent ACWA experience has included serving on ACWA's:

- Vice President
- Executive Committee of the ACWA Board of Directors
- Strategic Plan Task Force Chair
- Region 5 Board of Directors
- ACWA JPIA Executive Committee of the Board
- Local Government Committee (Chair)
 - Property Tax Working Group
 - Housing Densification Working Group
 - Paving Standards Working Group
- Federal Affairs Committee
- Foundation Steering Committee
 - Foundation Fundraising Working Group



Most recently, I led ACWA's effort to develop the 2025 – 2029 Five-Year Strategic Plan. This work included revising ACWA's mission, vision and values followed by identifying four primary goals: Advocacy, Connections, Education and Organizational Effectiveness. This Plan will provide a framework to unify the ACWA community and better assert our leadership in shaping California Water Policy.

I led ACWA's assessment of potential water industry impacts associated with Sacramento-based housing initiatives including Auxiliary Dwelling Units, Commercial Properties and Transit Center Hubs and led a workshop to consider potential ACWA next steps associated with these new initiatives and their related changes to water agency fees and charges. I also participated in the ACWA Foundation Steering Committee including several related Ad Hoc committees and contributed to Federal Affairs Committee work groups associated with the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA).

Multi-State Salinity Coalition (MSSC). For over 20 years, I have served as Program Director and Board member of MSSC which consists over 30+ water agencies from New Mexico, northern and southern California, Nevada, Colorado, Arizona and Texas. The MSSC mission is to promote advancements in technologies for desalination, reuse, salinity control strategies (watersheds and agriculture), water/energy efficiencies and related policies that will assist communities in meeting their water needs. I also helped to establish relationships regarding salinity management and desalination with water agencies in Australia, Mexico and Israel. In February 2023, the MSSC awarded me with the **MSSC "Salt of**

the Earth” National Award for outstanding commitment, leadership, vision and dedication to our water industry.

Contra Costa Water District (CCWD). As President of CCWD, I am focused on the investments needed in infrastructure to serve our community and improve water supply reliability today and into the future. The aging Contra Costa Canal, built by the Bureau of Reclamation in 1930s, is the backbone of CCWD’s water system and essential to water system reliability for the region. In order to move forward with plans to replace the aging canal with a pipeline, I worked closely with federal legislators to secure needed legislation to transfer title of the facility from Reclamation to CCWD.

California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA). As Executive Director, I led CUWA’s effort in the development of Department of Water Resources (DWR) Methodologies for Calculating Baseline and Compliance Urban Per Capita Water Use as part of the Water Conservation Act of 2009 (Senate Bill X7-7) with our southern and northern California water agency members. I also made certain that CUWA’s finances and practices were sound and transparent.

Northern California Salinity Coalition. As Executive Director, I led a coalition of ten San Francisco Bay Area water agencies in crafting grant application strategies and DWR outreach that would demonstrate the value of supporting watershed management, brackish desalination and groundwater project associated with salinity management. Working with the Coalition agencies, we secured the largest Proposition 50 grant funding for our region.

Professional Work Experience (40 years)

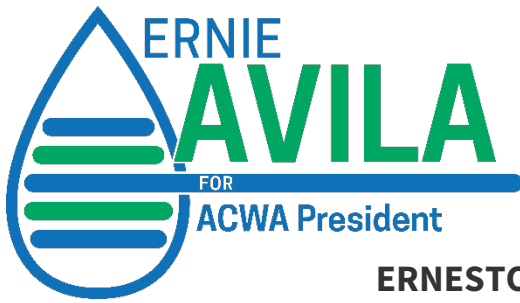
- Vice-President, Avila and Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- General Manager, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
- Director of Engineering, Contra Costa Water District
- Associate Engineer, East Bay Municipal Water District
- Construction Manager, CH2M Hill
- Professional Civil Engineer (California – C41727)

Community Service Experience

- Contra Costa Water District, President of the Board
- John Muir Community Health Fund Board of Directors (Treasurer)
- Association of California Engineering Companies – Chair of the Healthcare Trust (non-profit)
- Knights of Columbus, Scholarship Chair
- St. Francis of Assisi School Board, President
- City of Concord, CA – Planning Commission, Chair
- City of Concord, CA – Design Review Board
- City of Walnut Creek, CA – Transportation Commission, Vice-Chair

Education and Related Credentials

- B.S. – Civil Engineering, Santa Clara University
- M.B.A. – St. Mary’s College of California
- Professional Civil Engineer (California – C41727)
- California Farm Bureau Member



ERNESTO (ERNIE) AVILA | BIOGRAPHY AND QUALIFICATIONS

Ernesto (Ernie) A. Avila, P.E., was appointed in March 2016 to represent Division 3 for the Contra Costa Water District, which includes eastern Concord, Clayton, and part of Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill. He began serving as President in May 2022.

Mr. Avila has over 42 years of professional experience in planning, environmental compliance, regulation, design, and construction of water, wastewater and recycled water works and municipal facilities in excess of \$10 Billion in value. He is currently Vice-President of a private civil and environmental engineering firm.

Mr. Avila has been involved with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) for over twenty years at the regional, state and federal level. He currently serves as Vice President. He has also represented ACWA members on the Executive Committee of the ACWA Board of Directors, Region 5 Board, Local Government Committee (Chair), Federal Affairs Committee, ACWA Foundation Steering Committee and the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee of the Board.

Over his first year as Vice President, Mr. Avila led ACWA's effort to develop the 2025-'29 Strategic Plan which identifies four primary goals of Advocacy, Connections, Education and Organizational Effectiveness. This Plan provides clearly defined strategies and objectives to achieve each goal and 50 key performance indicators to gauge progress. The aim of this effort is to unify our collective efforts and better assert ACWA's leadership in shaping California's water policy

For the community, Mr. Avila has volunteered for many citizen-based committees / organizations including the Walnut Creek Transportation Commission, the Concord Planning Commission, the John Muir/Mount Diablo Community Health Fund, the Knights of Columbus, the East Bay Leadership Council, and the St. Francis of Assisi School Board. While working full time, he has made volunteering in the community a priority, representing his neighbors and family on important issues that affect their everyday life.

Mr. Avila is passionate about water issues in his professional life, working on a variety of issues statewide during his career. Among several relevant positions, he served as Director of Engineering at Contra Costa Water District before moving on to become General Manager of Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. He also served as Executive Director for the California Urban Water Agencies, Program Director for the Multi-State Salinity Coalition, and

is on the Executive Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies Board of Directors and ACWA JPIA. He has experience on water projects of all shapes and sizes, including water treatment plant improvements, dam retrofits, and watershed management and habitat conservation projects. In recognition of his work, Mr. Avila recently received the 2023 ***“Salt of Earth” Award*** by the Multi State Salinity Coalition for his commitment, leadership, vision and dedication to the water industry by promoting advancements in technologies for desalination, reuse, salinity control strategies, water/energy efficiencies, and related public policies that assist communities in meeting water needs.

Mr. Avila lives in Clayton with his family and is a licensed civil engineer with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Santa Clara University and a master’s degree in Business Administration from St. Mary’s College of California. He is also a proud member of the California Farm Bureau.



ELECT CAROL LEE GONZALES-BRADY ACWA VICE PRESIDENT

PROTECTING OUR WATER, TODAY AND TOMORROW

BACKGROUND

As an elected Director of Rancho California Water District in Temecula, I understand that water issues are complex and we sometimes have different opinions on solutions. I serve as Vice-Chair for ACWA's Region 9, representing members - desert, coastal, residential, commercial, and agricultural - with diverse priorities and perspectives. ACWA's Regions statewide may be different, but we can agree on one thing - that the need for prudent, sustainable water management in California is critical.

I've served as a member on several Standing Committees, Sub-committees, Task Forces and Work Groups. My experience on our ACWA Board, on our Executive Committee, and on our Strategic Planning and Water Policy Task Forces has prepared me for our next steps as we execute the initiatives of our recently streamlined strategic plan. It will provide us with a clear, focused framework as we address water issues and position ACWA in its continued role as a strong, vital industry leader.

I earned my Bachelor of Science degree (magna cum laude) in Business Management from Pepperdine University. My professional career in procurement, contracts and strategic management has spanned federally regulated industries including water and electric utilities. I am committed to building relationships, partnerships and alliances with other water, business and community leaders. In addition to my work at ACWA, I serve on the Boards of Southern California Water Coalition and Urban Water Institute, and was twice appointed by our Board of Supervisors as a Director of a Resource Conservation District.

I'm a grower for local wineries, and my husband and I have lived on our family vineyard for over 20 years. I support important causes and my community through participation and memberships in charities, churches, associations, and advocacy groups such as the Farm Bureau and Southwest California Legislative Council.

You can learn more about me by visiting RanchoWater.com/ACWAVP. Thank you for your support.

RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT (RCWD)

Vice President, Board of Directors
Elected 2017; Re-elected 2022
Past Board President (2021 & 2022)

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA)

Executive Committee (2024-2025)
Board of Directors (2024-2025)
Region 9 Vice Chair (2024-2025)
Region 9 Board Member (2019-2025)
Committees: Membership, Communications, Election (past)
Task Forces: Strategic Planning, Water Policy (Vice Chair)

ACWA/JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY (JPIA)

JPIA Director, representing Rancho Water (2022-2024)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COALITION (SCWC)

Board of Trustees, Water Segment (2021-present)
Co-Chair, Legislative Task Force (2021-present)

URBAN WATER INSTITUTE (UWI)

Board Member (2023-present)



**CAROL LEE
GONZALES-BRADY**
FOR ACWA VICE PRESIDENT

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The ACWA Election Committee has formally endorsed and recommended Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady as the preferred candidate for ACWA Vice President for the 2026-2027 term.

**CAROL LEE GONZALES-BRADY IS PROUD TO BE
ENDORSED BY THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES**

ACWA ELECTION COMMITTEE

**CHINO BASIN WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**

COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

DESERT WATER AGENCY

EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

**ELSINORE VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT**

FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

HELIX WATER DISTRICT

IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT

INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

**LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT**

MESA WATER DISTRICT

MONTE VISTA WATER DISTRICT

MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT

MOULTON NIGUEL WATER DISTRICT

**MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE
COUNTY**

OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

SANTA FE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT

**VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT**

VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

WESTERN CANAL WATER DISTRICT

WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

YUIMA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT



Biography and Qualifications

Candidate for ACWA Vice President

Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady was elected to the Rancho California Water District (RCWD) Board of Directors in 2017 and re-elected in 2022, serving as Board President for two terms. Rancho Water is a Special District that provides water and wastewater services to residential, commercial, and agricultural customers. It is the 10th largest retail water district in California (based on water sales), serves more than 150,000 people, and covers 100,000 acres of service area.



Director Gonzales-Brady has been a member of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) since 2017. She joined the Region 9 Board in 2019 and currently serves as Vice Chair, representing the Region on ACWA's Board of Directors. In 2024, she was elected by the Board to the Executive Committee.

She has been active on standing committees and task forces in volunteer and appointed roles such as the Membership and Communications Committees, Communications Ag Sub-Committee, Election Committee, Region 9 Membership Engagement Work Group (Chair), Strategic Planning Task Force, and Water Policy Task Force (Vice Chair). Sound water policy, aligned with the guiding principles of ACWA's Strategic Plan, will be key as ACWA navigates complex water issues and advocates on behalf of its members.

Dedicated to building alliances and cultivating partnerships, Director Gonzales-Brady serves on the Board of Trustees of Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC) and is co-Chair of their Legislative Task Force. She is also on the Board of Directors of Urban Water Institute (UWI) and is a past Director of ACWA/JPIA, representing RCWD. Prior to her election to Rancho Water's Board, she was twice appointed by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to the Board of Directors of their Resource Conservation District.

Director Gonzales-Brady earned her Bachelor of Science degree (*magna cum laude*) from Pepperdine University's Graziadio School of Business and Management. Her international professional experience, with an emphasis in procurement, contracts, and strategic management includes federally regulated industries such as water and electric utilities, nuclear procurement, geothermal power plant design/engineering/construction, and medical device manufacturing.

A native Californian and winegrape grower in Temecula's Wine Country, Director Gonzales-Brady and her husband have lived on their vineyard for over 20 years. She is immersed in her community and supports the outreach and assistance provided by local organizations, charities, and advocacy groups. Her volunteer efforts and memberships include Temecula Winegrowers' Association, Riverside County Farm Bureau, Temecula Valley Horsemen's Association, and Southwest California Legislative Council.



Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady

Director, Rancho California Water District

Candidate Statement

Candidate for ACWA Vice President

I am pleased to offer my Statement of Qualifications as a Candidate for ACWA Vice President. I'm passionate about delivering prudent fiscal and environmental stewardship and advocating for sound policy. My philosophy: Protect our water, today and tomorrow, with a diversified portfolio of both immediate and long-range strategies and solutions.

I was elected to the Rancho California Water District (RCWD)'s Board of Directors in 2017 and re-elected in 2022, serving two terms as Board President. I joined ACWA in 2017 and became a Region 9 Director in 2019, serving as Vice Chair for the 2024-25 term. I represent the Region on ACWA's Board of Directors, and in 2024 was honored to be elected by the Board to the Executive Committee.

Other committees and task forces include:

- Water Policy Task Force - Vice Chair
- Membership and Communications Committees
- Region 9 Membership Engagement Work Group - Chair
- Strategic Planning Task Force (past)
- Election Committee (past)

Committed to building alliances and cultivating partnerships, I also am a past Director of ACWA/JPIA and serve on other industry Boards including Urban Water Institute (UWI) and Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC) - Legislative Task Force co-Chair.

I earned my BS (magna cum laude) in Business Management from Pepperdine University. My professional career in procurement, contracts, and strategic management has spanned federally regulated industries including water and electric utilities. A native Californian and vineyard owner, I have given back to my community as an appointed Director on a Resource Conservation District Board and through charities, associations, and local advocacy groups such as the Southwest California Legislative Council.

It has been my honor to serve alongside my dedicated colleagues on the ACWA Board. I look forward to continuing to build upon ACWA's work to promote and advance the priorities, initiatives, and interests of our members.

Please visit RanchoWater.com/ACWAVP. Thank you for your support.



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Anthony R. Fellow, Ph.D
Region 8 Board Candidate
Nomination Form

Statement of Qualifications for ACWA Regional Chair

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

As a proud member of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) since 1991, I bring more than three decades of active participation and leadership to this organization. Throughout these years, I have attended nearly every ACWA conference, witnessing firsthand the evolution of California's water challenges and the innovative approaches our members have brought to meet them.

Currently, I have the honor of serving as Chair of Region 8 and have been a member of the Region 8 Board for the past four years. In my tenure as Chair, I have prioritized communication, collaboration, and meaningful engagement. One of the ways I've implemented this is through regular luncheon meetings with Region 8 directors. These meetings have fostered a strong sense of teamwork and transparency, allowing us to share updates, troubleshoot challenges, and brainstorm new initiatives together.

Over the past two years, Region 8 has had an especially productive and dynamic run. A standout achievement was our highly successful *Women in Water Conference* in Pasadena. This event not only drew a significant number of participants but also succeeded in reaching and inspiring the next generation—particularly young women interested in water careers. We were honored to feature Patricia Mulroy, a globally respected leader in water policy, as a keynote speaker. Her participation underscored the depth and seriousness of our programming, reinforcing our region's role as a thought leader within ACWA.

In addition to the Women in Water event, Region 8 has consistently hosted strong and well-attended Fall and Spring membership meetings. These gatherings have provided valuable opportunities for professional development, networking, and policy discussion, and they have contributed to Region 8's reputation for organizing some of the most creative and forward-thinking regional conferences within ACWA.

With your support, I am eager to continue this momentum. My goal is to keep building on the collaborative foundation we've established, promoting inclusivity, innovation, and regional impact. Let's continue the important work of strengthening our communities, supporting water leaders, and shaping the future of California water—together.



DR. ANTHONY R. FELLOW

A member of the California State Assembly once introduced Dr. Tony Fellow as the "pillar of the San Gabriel Valley." His community and professional involvement have certainly touched upon the most important elements of a community—water, education and government. Fellow was elected to the Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District in 1990 with a wave of environmentalist who changed water politics. He was instrumental in establishing the district's first water recycling program which would save the greater San Gabriel Valley during the nine-year drought, conservation education programs, and a reforestation project in the Angeles National Forest. His 24-year appointment as director and vice-chair of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California gave him a wider reach to inaugurate programs that would benefit Southern California. Today he also is Chair of all water agencies in Los Angeles and Ventura counties who are members of the Association of California Water Agencies.

In 1996 he was elected to the El Monte City Council where he served for 12 years. He helped bring new businesses, such as Home Depot, to the city, as well as new housing, and made strides to beautify the city and create recreational facilities for youths, such as the Dorris Dann Recreational Center.

In 2007 Arcadia voters overwhelmingly elected Fellow to the Pasadena City College Board of Trustees, where he has served as president of the board and supported two-year free tuition for in-district students, more counselors, and greater transparency.

Fellow was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and grew up in El Monte. After graduating with his bachelor's degree and Lifetime Secondary Teaching Credential, he worked as a reporter at the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*. He was promoted to assistant city editor and columnist, and head of the political election team covering the presidencies of Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter.

He holds a doctorate from the Walter H. Annenberg College of Communication and Journalism at the University of Southern California where he was an Annenberg Scholar. He also holds three master degrees in Communications and just completed a three year post-doctoral degree in Catholic Theology and Sacred Scriptures at St. Joseph's College of Maine. At USC and Cal State Fullerton, he taught courses in media history, media law and First Amendment rights, international communications and media and politics. He is an international Fulbright Scholar having taught in Rome, Florence, Vercelli, Shanghai, and Hong Kong. At an international conference in Rome, he was named one of America's Distinguished Professors.

He has served as chair of the Department of Communications and Department of Cinema and Television Arts at Cal State Fullerton, where he also has been named senior distinguished professor. He is author of *American Media History*, *Tweeting to Freedom: An Encyclopedia of Citizen Protests and Uprisings Around the World*, *Copy Editor's Handbook for Newspapers*, and *Writing in a Multimedia World*. He is currently working on how today's news media is destroying American democracy. He speaks frequently at the annual Broadcast Education Association conference in Las Vegas. Last year he spoke about the impact of Artificial Intelligence on the First Amendment.



PROFILE

Master of Science Degree,
Environmental Science (LMU)

Bachelor of Science Degree,
Biochemistry (Cal Poly, SLO)

Engineer-In-Training (EIT),
California Department of
Consumer Affairs

Water Treatment Operator (2),
State Water Resources Control
Board

Environmental Compliance
Inspector and Laboratory Analyst
(4), California Water Environment
Association

Member: American Water Works
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SCOTT QUADY

Candidate Statement of Qualifications: ACWA Region 8

Sixteen years as a water district board member

Forty-year career as a water industry professional: private,
municipal and non-profit organizations

Retired as an Environmental Resource Analyst

ACWA

- Region 8, Alternate Vice-Chair since 2023
- Energy Committee
- Prior/continuing interests: Water Quality, Safe Drinking Water and Water Management Committees

ACWA-JPIA

Board Member Director since 2012

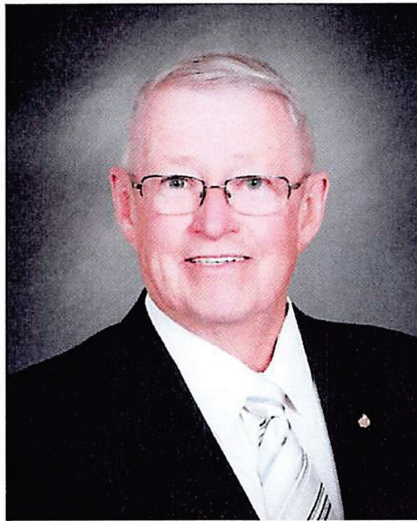
- Workers Compensation Committee since 2018
- CWIF (California Water Insurance Fund, Captive) Board: 2019 (3 yrs), 2022 (2 yrs)

CALLEGUAS BOARD HISTORY

- First elected, 2008
- Board President, 2012-16, 2023-24
- Treasurer, 2016-22

CALLEGUAS COMMITTEES (HISTORICAL/CURRENT)

- Chair, Finance, 2016
- Chair, Water Quality, 2012
- Member, Finance
- Alternate member, Public Engagement, Communication, and Legislative Affairs
- Member, Water Supply, Storage, and Partnership Development
- Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance, Representative (2018-2024), Alternate Representative (2025-present)



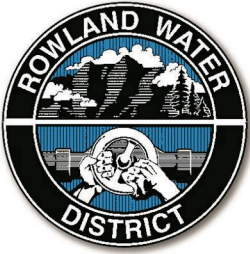
WILLIAM COOPER
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS

Bill Cooper is a long-time water professional having worked for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for about 40 years. During that time, he held various posts including the Water Treatment Section Manager overseeing the operations and maintenance of all five Metropolitan Water Treatment Plants that supply about one-half of all the water to the 19 million people in Southern California. Mr. Cooper managed some of the largest water treatment plants in the United States and was an adjunct Professor at College of the Canyons teaching the Environmental Technologies Water Treatment Program.

Mr. Cooper served on the Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) Board from 1993 through 2017 and was President of the Board for five-years from 1996 to 2001. He served on various Committees and chaired the Planning and Engineering Committee. He served as the CLWA Board Vice President from 2011 through 2016 and was Vice Chair of the CLWA Agenda Planning Committee.

With the merger of water agencies Mr. Cooper was selected as the Board President for the new Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency. He served two years as President of the Board of Directors and currently serves as Vice President of the Board Chairing the Engineering and Operations Committee.

As an active participant in the Santa Clarita Valley community, Mr. Cooper is Chairman of the Child and Family Center Governing Board, serves on the Child Centers Foundation Board and was the Board Chair from 2005 through 2006. He was appointed by the Santa Clarita Mayor to the City's Elected Officials Committee on teenage alcohol and drug abuse and was a member of the Hart District Schools Site Council. He has been a member of the American Water Works Association and the Association for California Water Agencies. He is currently serving as Vice Chair of Region 8 on the ACWA Board and is serving on the ACWA Finance, Groundwater, Water Quality and the Nominating Committees.



Board of Directors

JOHN E. BELLAH
President

VANESSA HSU
Vice President

ROBERT W. LEWIS

ANTHONY J. LIMA

SZU PEI LU-YANG

ACWA Region 8 Candidate Statement **Robert W. Lewis**

Now the longest-serving board member of Rowland Water District, I bring decades of experience, collaborative leadership, and a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing public water agencies in California. I respectfully submit my qualifications for continued service on the ACWA Region 8 Board.

My career in public service began with the City of Fullerton's Redevelopment Commission and has grown to include 32 years of dedicated leadership at Rowland Water District. I am proud to represent a diverse community and have worked diligently to ensure that every decision reflects sound stewardship, accountability, and a long-term view of regional water needs.



My active engagement in regional and statewide water issues includes:

- Current ACWA Region 8 Board Member, participating in shaping policies and programs that reflect the priorities of Southern California agencies.
- Current Commissioner, representing Special Districts on Los Angeles LAFCO.
- Past Voting Representative, ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance Authority, supporting risk management and financial stability for member agencies.
- Board of Commissioners, Puente Basin Water Agency, working to secure regional project funding and promote sustainable water quality solutions.
- Member, California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), contributing to advocacy on water and energy issues at the state level.
- Government Affairs Committee Member, San Gabriel Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, promoting alignment between policy and community priorities.
- Original Special Districts Ad Hoc Committee Member, working to establish the LAFCO Special Districts Seat.

At Rowland Water District, I have championed initiatives to diversify our water supply portfolio, including expanding use of local groundwater for irrigation and reducing dependence on imported water. I have supported efforts to modernize infrastructure, strengthen customer outreach, and ensure long-term reliability amid growing drought and climate pressures.

As California confronts increasingly complex water challenges, ACWA's regional boards serve a critical role in connecting local realities to statewide strategies. If selected, I will continue to advocate for practical solutions, mutual support among member agencies, and a forward-looking vision that reflects the shared interests of Region 8.

It would be an honor to continue serving on the ACWA Region 8 Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Application for Regional 8 Board Vacancy – Jacquelyn McMillan

As noted on the application, I have 18 years of board and committee experience for two water wholesalers in Los Angeles County (Metropolitan Water District of Southern California [MWD] and Santa Clarita Water Agency), one water wholesaler in Ventura County (Calleguas Municipal Water District [CMWD]) and one local water supplier in Los Angeles County (Santa Clarita Water Committee).

I currently serve on five key committees for MWD and have recently been appointed as an alternate on the boards for the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority and the Delta Financing Authority. I am the treasurer of CMWD and chair of its Finance Committee and Communication and Outreach Committee. I am actively involved with the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County, the Coalition of Labor, Business and Agriculture of Ventura County, Ventura County Women in Agriculture, the Ventura County Farm Bureau, the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the West Ventura County Business Alliance. I also participate in the California Special District Association and Ventura County Special District Association.

I retired as an employee of MWD in 2023 after serving 31 years as a Principal Government and Regional Affairs Representative. I have worked extensively with businesses, community leaders, and elected officials to ensure that Southern California's 19 million residents continue to have a safe, reliable, and low-cost drinking water supply. I have served as an officer, committee chair, or active member for over thirty agricultural, business, and advocacy entities in east Ventura County, the San Fernando Valley, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, and downtown Los Angeles. I assisted these groups in developing policy positions on water that would enrich the region's business climate and quality of life for its residents.

I would be honored to serve on the Region 8 board and use my 31 years of water-related experience to enhance and expand the board's influence, educational opportunities and partnerships with other regions and external associations.

May 21, 2025

Subject: ACWA Region 8 Board – Call for Candidates (Board Vacancy)

Chair Fellow, Vice Chair Cooper, and members of the Region 8 Board,

I am confident that I will be a suitable candidate for the ACWA Region 8 leadership as a member of the Board. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in Water Resources, a Professional Engineer license in the State of California, and a Master of Public Administration degree with an emphasis in Public Sector Management and Leadership. Additionally, I possess an acute understanding of Southern California's water landscape, particularly the challenges currently threatening the sustainability of our water future. This includes the impacts of climate change, deteriorating water infrastructure, inadequate access to funding, etc. This position on the Board will allow me to contribute my skills towards advocating for the communities and Water Agencies in the Los Angeles and Ventura County region.

I currently serve as the Assistant General Manager of Water for The City of Glendale Water and Power, a position I've held for just over a year. Prior to that, I was the Assistant Public Works Director and General Manager for The City of Glendora's Water Division. I have also held several positions during my 5-year tenure with The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and the City of Oklahoma City. In totality, I have been in the water industry for over 15 years.

My key responsibilities include directing the City's strategic resource planning as it relates to long and short-term financial planning, integrated water resources planning, operations, and maintenance activities for the City's water treatment and distribution systems. Critical to this is leading a multi-disciplinary team of professional and paraprofessional staff. This also involves directing activities related to groundwater recovery and local groundwater storage, meeting and coordinating with local, state, and federal organizations with responsibilities in water supply, and negotiating resource agreements for various groundwater recovery and conjunctive use programs.

During my experience as a water leader and manager, I have been able to successfully evaluate and manage the administrative and operational functions as well as implement necessary policies, programs, and procedures in line with strategically developed organizational goals and mission. I will look to do the same as a member of this Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chisom Obegolu". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Chisom" and last name "Obegolu" clearly distinguishable.


Chisom Obegolu, PE, MPA



BOARD INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS STAFF REPORT

To: TVMWD Board of Directors

From: Matthew H. Litchfield, General Manager 

Date: September 3, 2025

Subject: Employee Health Care Cost CY 2026

☒ Funds Budgeted: \$ 50,002

☐ Fiscal Impact: \$ 350

Staff Recommendation

No Action Necessary – Information Item Only

Discussion

The District provides a comprehensive employee benefits package, which includes medical, dental, vision, and other supplemental programs. A summary of current offerings is provided below.

Medical	Employees pay up to 5% of medical premiums depending on plan tier (individual, couple, family).
Dental	Delta Dental PPO or DeltaCare HMO. Premiums are 100% paid by TVMWD.
Vision	Vision Service Plan (VSP). Premiums are 100% paid by TVMWD.
EAP	Anthem Employee Assistance Program. Premiums are 100% paid by TVMWD.
Medical Opt Out	Employees may opt themselves and/or family members out of medical coverage with proof of comparable alternative medical coverage. The employee receives 70% of the average plan cost as cash back. Cash back is not available for elected officials.
Consumer Driven Accounts (CDA)	Eligible participants receive an annual contribution of \$1,000 to their HRA or HSA. Additionally, the District contributes \$400 (employee only) or \$800 (Family) to the HSA for employees enrolled in a CDHP.

The 2026 Employee Benefits Renewal has been finalized in partnership with the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA). As anticipated, premiums have increased, resulting in an additional health care cost of \$50,351. Below is a summary of the premium changes for 2026.

2026 Summary Rate Changes	
Anthem PPOs	10% increase
Anthem HMOs	5% increase
Kaiser	4.28% increase
Employee Assistance Program (EAP)	No Change
Delta Dental PPO	3% increase
Delta Dental HMO	No Change
Vision Service Plan (VSP)	No Change

2026 Plan/Benefit Change Summary:

- Consumer Driven Health Plans (CDHPs) – To comply with IRS requirements for HSA compatibility, Anthem CDHP deductibles will increase from \$1,650/\$3,300 to \$1,700/\$3,400 for single/family coverage.
- Vision Service Plan (VSP) - Effective January 1, 2026, the frame allowance benefits will increase from \$150 to \$170.

Environmental Impact

None

Strategic Plan Objective(s)

2.2 – Accountability

Attachment(s)

Exhibit A – Health Care Cost Summary 2026

Meeting History

None

NA/VR



Three Valleys MWD Health Care Cost 2026- Monthly

TVMWD provides Health Coverage through ACWA/ JPIA. Employees are responsible for paying up to 5% of the medical premium as a pre-taxed monthly payroll deduction. The following exceptions apply: single employees enrolled in the lowest cost medical plan and Employees in CDHP. Dental and Vision are provided at no cost to employees and their dependents.

Family Status	Medical				Dental		Vision
	Anthem Blue Cross			Kaiser	Delta		VSP
	PPO	CDHP	HMO	HMO	PPO	HMO	PPO
Total Premium							
EE	\$ 977.28	\$ 781.81	\$ 1,093.97	\$ 846.30	\$ 36.29	\$ 29.19	\$ 17.21
EE+1	\$ 1,954.56	\$ 1,563.62	\$ 2,187.94	\$ 1,692.60	\$ 71.95	\$ 45.36	\$ 17.21
Family	\$ 2,589.79	\$ 2,071.80	\$ 2,899.02	\$ 2,352.71	\$ 131.81	\$ 64.72	\$ 17.21
\$ -							
Employee COST							
EE	\$ 48.86	\$ -	\$ 54.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EE+1	\$ 97.73	\$ -	\$ 109.40	\$ 84.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Family	\$ 129.49	\$ -	\$ 144.95	\$ 117.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TVMWD COST							
EE	\$ 928.42	\$ 781.81	\$ 1,039.27	\$ 846.30	\$ 36.29	\$ 29.19	\$ 17.21
EE+1	\$ 1,856.83	\$ 1,563.62	\$ 2,078.54	\$ 1,607.97	\$ 71.95	\$ 45.36	\$ 17.21
Family	\$ 2,460.30	\$ 2,071.80	\$ 2,754.07	\$ 2,235.07	\$ 131.81	\$ 64.72	\$ 17.21
HSA/HRA BENEFITS							
	HRA	HSA	HRA	HRA	Full-time staff and elected officials provided \$1,000 each calendar year to HSA/HRA.		
EE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			
EE+1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			
Family	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Employee tax-advantaged deduction		
CDC Options	FSA	LFSA	FSA	FSA			
Medical Opt Out							
Employees may opt themselves and/or family members out of medical coverage during open enrollment with proof of comparable alternative medical coverage. The opt out amount is 70% of the average plan cost (based on status). JPIA requires medical coverage for 75% of TVMWD employees, so opt out is first come first serve.. Cash back is not available for elected officials.							
Opt Out Cash Back							
EE:		EE+1:		Family:			
\$ 647		\$ 1,295		\$ 1,735			