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Triunfo Water & Sanitation District  
Ventura County, California

**ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICTS BALLOT FOR REGION 8  
BOARD ELECTION FOR THE 2020-2021 TERM**

**Summary**

Triunfo Water & Sanitation District has been a Member of the Association of California Water Districts (ACWA) since 2018. As a Member the Board is authorized to consider and participate in ACWA elections.

A nominating committee within Region 8, consisting of Nina Jazmadarian, Foothill Municipal Water District; Jerry Gladbach, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency; and David Petersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District came up with the recommended slate seen on the Region 8 Board Ballot. The Board can agree on the Nominating Committee's recommended slate or choose to vote on individual Board Candidate Nominations.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board:

- A. Review the Association of California Water Districts (ACWA) Ballot for Region 8 Board Election for the 2020-2021 Term; and
- B. Direct the Clerk of the Board to submit the Board's response by September 30, 2019.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Norris", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark Norris, General Manager

Attachments: 1. ACWA Memorandum, August 1, 2019  
2. Region 8 Board Ballot  
3. Region 8 Rules and Regulations



*Sent via email August 1, 2019*

TO: ACWA REGION 8 MEMBER AGENCY BOARD PRESIDENT  
AND GENERAL MANAGER

***Ballot for Region 8 Board Election for the 2020-2021 Term***

It is time to elect the 2020-2021 ACWA Region 8 Chair, Vice Chair and board members who will represent and serve the members of Region 8. Attached, you will find the official ballot which includes the Region 8 Nominating Committee's recommended slate as well as individual candidates running for the Region 8 Board.

**Your agency is entitled to cast only one vote.** Please review the attached ballot and have your agency's authorized representative cast its vote for the slate as recommended by the Region 8 Nominating Committee **or** cast its vote for an individual Region 8 chair, vice chair and three to five board members.

**2020-2021 ACWA Region 8 Ballot is located [HERE](#).**  
**Region 8 Rules and Regulations are located [HERE](#).**

**Submit the electronic ballot to ACWA by September 30, 2019.**  
*(Ballots received after September 30 will **not** be accepted.)*

**REMEMBER, YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.** Region 8 Board members are elected to represent the issues, concerns and needs of your region. The Region 8 chair and vice chair will serve on ACWA's board of directors for the next two-year term beginning January 1, 2020. Additionally, the newly elected chair and vice chair will make the Region 8 committee appointment recommendations to the ACWA president for the 2020-2021 term. Also, either the chair or vice chair will hold a seat on the ACWA Finance Committee.

If you have questions, please contact your Regional Affairs Representative, Michael Cervantes, at michaelc@acwa.com or call 916-441-4545.

Thank you for your careful consideration and participation in the Region 8 election process.



OFFICIAL

# REGION 8 Board Ballot

2020-2021  
TERM

CLEAR FORM



**Please return completed  
ballot by September 30, 2019**

E-mail: [regionelections@acwa.com](mailto:regionelections@acwa.com)  
Mail: ACWA  
910 K Street, Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## General Voting Instructions:

- 1 You may either vote for the slate recommended by the Region 8 Nominating Committee or vote for individual region board members (please note rules & regulations for specific qualifications). Mark the appropriate box to indicate your decision.
- 2 Complete your agency information. The authorized representative is determined by your agency in accordance with your agency's policies and procedures.

## Region 8 Rules & Regulations:

At least one of the chair or vice chair positions must be an elected / appointed director from a member agency.

### 1 Nominating Committee's Recommended Slate

- ☐ I concur with the Region 8 Nominating Committee's recommended slate below.

#### CHAIR:

- **Steve Blois**, Board Member, Calleguas Municipal Water District

#### VICE CHAIR:

- **Gloria Gray**, Vice President, West Basin Municipal Water District

#### BOARD MEMBERS:

- **Brian Bowcock**, Director, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
- **Anselmo Collins**, Director of Water Operations, City of Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power
- **William Cooper**, Board President, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
- **Anthony R. Fellow**, Board Member, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
- **Leonard E. Polan**, Director, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

OR

### Individual Board Candidate Nominations

(See Rules & Regulations before selecting)

- ☐ I do not concur with the Region 8 Nominating Committee's recommended slate. I will vote for individual candidates below as indicated.

#### CANDIDATES FOR CHAIR: (CHOOSE ONE)

- ☐ **Steve Blois**, Board Member, Calleguas Municipal Water District

#### CANDIDATES FOR VICE CHAIR: (CHOOSE ONE)

- ☐ **William Cooper**, Board President, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
- ☐ **Anthony R. Fellow**, Board Member, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
- ☐ **Gloria Gray**, Board Director, West Basin Municipal Water District
- ☐ **Leonard E. Polan**, Director, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

#### CANDIDATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS: (MAX OF 5 CHOICES)

- ☐ **Brian Bowcock**, Director, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
- ☐ **Anselmo Collins**, Director of Water Operations, City of Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power
- ☐ **William Cooper**, Board President, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
- ☐ **Anthony R. Fellow**, Board Member, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
- ☐ **Leonard E. Polan**, Director, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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AGENCY NAME

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE



# REGION 8 RULES AND 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

At least one of the chair or vice chair positions must be an elected / appointed director from a member agency.

The term of the chair and the vice chair shall allow for two successive two-year terms allowing a maximum of four consecutive years as chair or vice chair.

The chair will appoint a secretary if one is deemed necessary.

## MEETINGS

The Region 8 board shall approve all region programs and activities.

Region 8 shall have a general membership meeting annually in addition to those meetings at the ACWA conferences.

## 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.)

## **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.

The nominating committee shall pursue qualified members within the region to run for the region board; consider geographic diversity, agency size and focus in selecting a slate, nominate both elected/appointed officials and staff members as part of the Region 8 board; and preserve objectivity by not nominating a member of the nominating committee for any elected positions being considered.

*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.)

The chair and vice chair shall make all committee appointment recommendations to the ACWA committees, to be ratified by the Region 8 board prior to submission to the ACWA president for consideration.

## **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 8 Rules & Regulations can be amended by a majority vote of those present at any Region 8 meeting as long as a quorum is present.

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