

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

TO: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
FROM: JENNIFER BURKE, DIRECTOR OF WATER
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE WATER DIRECTOR TO SERVE AS
A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER
AGENCIES (ACWA) REGION 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA ACTION: Resolution

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Water Department that the Board, by resolution, nominate Jennifer Burke as a member of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 1 Board for the 2024-2025 term.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Santa Rosa Water is a member of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). ACWA is comprised of 10 regions throughout California and each region has a Board that provides leadership and direction for the region. Santa Rosa Water is located in Region 1. ACWA is looking for candidates who are interested in serving on the Region 1 Board for the 2024-2025 term.

BACKGROUND

Santa Rosa Water is a member of ACWA, which is the largest statewide coalition of public water agencies in the country. ACWA has represented and provides key services to members on topics from legislation to regulatory activity, in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C. ACWA's 460 public agency members are responsible for 90% of the water delivered to communities, farms and businesses in California and play an active role in managing the state's water resources and promoting investments in water use efficiency, water recycling, groundwater management and desalination.

PRIOR BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW

None.

ANALYSIS

1. ACWA consists of 10 Regions throughout California. Each Region has a Board and the Chair and Vice Chair of each Region Board serves on ACWA's Statewide Board of Directors.
2. Santa Rosa is located in Region 1. Region 1 is comprised of western counties from the North Bay to the Oregon Border. The members of the Region 1 Board are elected every 2 years and the Board is comprised of representatives from ACWA member agencies in Region 1. Region Board meetings occur at the Fall and Spring ACWA Conferences.
3. ACWA is looking for candidates who are interested in leading the direction of ACWA Region 1 for the 2024-2025 term. Jennifer Burke served as the Vice Chair of the Region 1 Board for 2020-2021 and is currently serving as the Vice Chair of the Region 1 Board for 2022-2023.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for the Director to attend the ACWA Spring and Fall conferences, estimated to be \$4,000, are included in the proposed Water Department budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 that will be considered by the City Council on June 20, 2023. Funds for the Director to attend the ACWA Spring and Fall conferences, estimated to be \$4,000, will need to be budgeted and appropriated in Fiscal Year 2024-25 Water Department Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not Applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not Applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- None

PRESENTER

Jennifer Burke, Water Director