



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors

Title: Nomination of Director Ranjiv Khush to the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 1 Board

From: Ben Horenstein, General Manager

Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a resolution nominating Marin Municipal Water District Board of Director Ranjiv Khush to serve as the Vice Chair or as a general member of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 1 Board for the upcoming 2026-27 term

SUMMARY: The District is a member of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), which is the largest statewide coalition of public water agencies in the country. ACWA is comprised of ten regions throughout the state of California and each region has a board that provides leadership direction for the region. Director Khush attended the ACWA conference in early May 2025 and has expressed an interest and willingness to serve on the ACWA Region 1 Board.

DISCUSSION: The District is a member of ACWA, comprised of approximately 470 public agency members from all over the state of California. ACWA serves the water industry and the public by promoting local agencies as the most efficient means of providing water service; sharing reliable scientific and technical information; tracking and shaping state and federal water policy; advocating for sound legislation and regulation; and facilitating cooperation and consensus among all interest groups. ACWA has represents and provides key services to members on topics from legislation to regulatory activities, in Sacramento and in Washington D.C. ACWA agencies are collectively responsible for 90% of the water delivered to cities, farms and businesses in California and play an active role in managing the state's valuable water resources, promoting investments in water use efficiency, water recycling, groundwater management and desalination.

ACWA's Region 1 is comprised of western California counties from Marin County to Oregon border. The members of the Region 1 Board are elected every two years and the Board is comprised of representatives from ACWA Region member agencies, both staff and elected officials. Region Board meetings typically occur four times per year, with two meeting occurring at the Spring and Fall ACWA conferences. ACWA is currently recruiting for new Region Board members for the 2026-2027 term. Director Khush recently attended the ACWA Spring conference and has expressed an interest in serving on the Region 1 Board for the upcoming 2026-27 term on behalf of the District. Director Khush's participation on the ACWA Region 1 Board would benefit the District, as he would be in a position to


gain valuable insight and information regarding public water agency trends and policy directions, as well as represent the interests of the District at a statewide level. The nomination requires a Board resolution.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for Director Khush to attend the ACWA Spring and Fall conferences are estimated to be \$4,000 and are included in the District's Board budget.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Proposed Nominating Resolution

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Office of the General Manager	<hr/>	
	Ben Horenstein General Manager	Ben Horenstein General Manager