



JOIN A COMMITTEE AND GET INVOLVED

ACWA has 13 standing committees that members can join and get involved. This is a great way for members to engage in state and local issues and influence policy and legislation. Committees are structured to include representation from all 10 ACWA Regions, bringing together diverse voices on technical and policy matters. **Take action, join a committee!**

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT PROCESS TIMELINE

2026 - 2027 TERM

Email committee consideration forms to General Managers and Board Presidents

30

JUNE

Committee process Chair and Vice Chair orientation

3

OCT

Committee process orientation with incoming President

20

NOV

Committee results live on ACWA website

31

DEC

19

Committee consideration forms deadline
Any consideration submitted after deadline will be put on a waiting list.

SEPT

3

Committee recommendation deadline

NOV

12

Presidents final recommendations due to ACWA staff

DEC

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Committee members are appointed for two-year terms that begin on Jan. 1 of even-numbered years. You can learn more about ACWA's 13 standing committees below. For more information and bylaws, visit www.acwa.com. If you have any questions, please contact Region and Member Engagement Specialist Ana Javid at anaj@acwa.com.

Committee	Description	Composition	Meetings Per Year	Liaison
Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors, State Legislative Committee, Federal Affairs Committee or other committees, as appropriate, regarding agricultural issues affecting the interests of ACWA and its members. 	Unlimited	4	Stephen Pang State Relations Advocate stephenp@acwa.com
Business Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develops and recommends to the Board of Directors programs and activities to be provided or administered by the association that generate non-dues revenue and provide a service or benefit to association members. 	Unlimited	2	Joseph Ramos Business Development Representative josephr@acwa.com
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develops and recommends to the Board of Directors and ACWA staff regarding communications and public affairs programs. Promotes sound public information and education programs and practices among member agencies. Prepares and distributes materials for use by member agencies in their local outreach efforts. Provides input and guidance to ACWA's Communications Department. 	Limited to 40	4	Heather Engel Director of Communications heathere@acwa.com
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommends policies and programs to the Board of Directors, the State Legislative Committee and the Federal Affairs Committee as appropriate. 	Unlimited	4	Nick Blair Senior State Relations Advocate nickb@acwa.com
Federal Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinates with other ACWA committees regarding input on federal issues before both Congress and the federal administrative branches. 	Limited to 5 per Region	4	Ian Lyle Director of Federal Relations ianl@acwa.com
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding annual budgets, investment strategies, annual audits and auditor selection, dues formula and schedule, and other financial matters. 	Limited to 2 per Region (1 Region Chair/ Vice Chair and 1 with financial experience)	4 - 5	Dan Gumpert Controller dang@acwa.com
Groundwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on groundwater policy issues. Monitors state and federal regulations and legislation affecting the quality and management of groundwater. Conducts studies and gathers data on groundwater issues. Develops policies regarding groundwater management. Coordinates with other committees on groundwater issues. 	Unlimited	4	Soren Nelson Senior State Relations Advocate sorenn@acwa.com

Committee	Description	Composition	Meetings Per Year	Liaison
Legal Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts on requests for assistance on legal matters of significance to ACWA member agencies. Reviews proposed ACWA bylaw revisions and works with staff to produce publications to assist member agencies in complying with state and federal laws. Files amicus curiae filing on important cases, comments on proposed regulations and guidelines of state agencies such as the Fair Political Practices Commission and monitors and engages in water rights matters of interest to member agencies. 	Limited to 45	2 - 3	Caleb Raspler Federal Affairs Representative calebr@acwa.com
Local Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors and the State Legislative Committee on local government matters affecting water agencies, including planning issues, local government organization, and finance. Gathers and disseminates information on the value of special districts, and shares information promoting excellence in local government service delivery. 	Limited to 3 per Region	2	Kylie Wright State Relations Advocate kyliew@acwa.com
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding membership policies, eligibility and applications for membership. Assists staff in developing membership recruitment and retention programs and reviews and makes recommendations to the Finance Committee regarding an equitable dues structure. 	Unlimited	2	Katie Dahl Member Services Manager katied@acwa.com
State Legislative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviews relevant introduced and amended legislation, and develops positions and provides recommendations to the Board of Directors on ballot measures and other major statewide policy issues. Works with staff amendments to bills and provides direction for staff on legislative matters. 	Limited to 4 per Region	10 - 12	Julia Hall Director of State Legislative Relations juliah@acwa.com
Water Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on policy and programs related to water management. Reviews and recommends positions on legislation and regulations as requested by other committees. Assists in gathering and disseminating information regarding agricultural and urban water management, water conservation and water use efficiency, development and use of water resources, wastewater treatment and water recycling and reuse. 	Limited to 4 per Region	4	Chelsea Haines Director of State Regulatory Relations chelseah@acwa.com
Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors, the State Legislative Committee and the Federal Affairs Committee on policy and programs regarding water quality issues. Promotes cost-effective state and federal water quality regulations and provides a forum for members to work together to develop and present unified comments on water quality regulations. Develops and recommends positions and testimony on water quality regulatory issues. 	Unlimited	4	Nick Blair Senior State Relations Advocate nickb@acwa.com

TO GET INVOLVED, SUBMIT YOUR CONSIDERATION FORM NOW!



COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

SUBMIT

Agency Name (DO NOT use acronyms or abbreviations)		ACWA Region #
Agency Address	City, State & Zip	Phone

**BELOW PLEASE LIST ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN BEING ON ACWA COMMITTEES FOR YOUR AGENCY.
FOR ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS PLEASE FILL OUT ANOTHER FORM.**

**If an individual is not an agency employee or director, please indicate company affiliation.*

Name	Title/Company*	Email Address
Committee 1st Choice	Committee 2nd Choice	Committee 3rd Choice
Name	Title/Company*	Email Address
Committee 1st Choice	Committee 2nd Choice	Committee 3rd Choice
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Committee 1st Choice	Committee 2nd Choice	Committee 3rd Choice
Name	Title/Company*	Email Address
Committee 1st Choice	Committee 2nd Choice	Committee 3rd Choice

Signature (Agency/District General Manager or Board President signature required)	Title	Date
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Committee member contact information will be shared on the committee roster and is to be used for committee business only.

QUESTIONS?

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