

# MEMORANDUM

Via U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail

**TO:** ACWA Member Agency Board Presidents and General Managers  
**CC:** ACWA Board of Director  
**FROM:** Dave Eggerton, ACWA Executive Director  
**DATE:** October 4, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Notice of General Session Membership Meeting — December 1, 2021

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There will be a General Session Membership Meeting on **December 1, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.** The purpose of this meeting is to formally nominate and elect ACWA's President and Vice President for the 2022-2023 term. At its meeting on September 24, 2021, the ACWA Board of Directors approved procedures whereby ACWA members will be able to participate and vote in the upcoming membership meeting and election in person or virtually. These procedures are in accordance with California Corporations Code Sections 20, 21, 5079 and subsections (a) and (f) of Section 7510, as well as Article 9 of ACWA's Bylaws. The in-person meeting will be held in Ballroom D-H of the Pasadena Convention Center. Virtual voting delegates will participate via Zoom. Staff will provide the Zoom access information to the virtual voting delegates upon receipt of the Voter Designation & Information Form and the member agency's Consent to Electronic Transmissions, Meetings & Voting Form. Members who wish to attend the membership meeting virtually as a non-voting participant can obtain the registration link by contacting Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at [donnap@acwa.com](mailto:donnap@acwa.com) or 916-441-4545 to confirm their member agency has submitted the requisite Consent to Electronic Transmissions, Meetings & Voting Form.

## Election/Voting Process

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The ACWA Nominating Committee has announced a 2022-2023 slate that recommends current **Vice President Pamela Tobin for ACWA President** and current **Region 10 Vice Chair Cathy Green for ACWA Vice President**. The Nominating Committee's 2022-2023 slate will be presented for the members' consideration and vote at the membership meeting on December 1.

As provided by ACWA's Bylaws (Article 9, Section 9) nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the vote on the Nominating Committee's slate. The Bylaws require that floor nominations and seconds be made by a member of the Association and must be supported by a resolution of the governing body of the member making and seconding such nomination. The member agency on whose board the nominee serves must submit a resolution of support if they are not the agency making the floor nomination or second. The resolutions to facilitate floor nominations must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at [donnap@acwa.com](mailto:donnap@acwa.com) by **COB Wednesday, November 24, 2021**.



➤ **See attachment for detailed Membership Meeting & Election Procedures.**

ACWA will be using a voting system called Live-Tally, which will allow voters to vote using a handheld keypad OR online keypad (which can be accessed through any modern web browser on a computer, tablet or smart phone). **Voters must be present at the membership meeting, either in person or virtually, to vote.**

Consistent with ACWA's Bylaws, Article 9, Section 5, "each member of the Association shall be entitled to one vote that shall be cast by its authorized representative."

- Member agencies must indicate their voting representative and alternate on the attached Voter Designation & Information Form.
- Member agencies must indicate if their voting representative/alternate is attending in person or virtually as well as provide all of the information identified on the form in order for ACWA to facilitate all aspects of the membership meeting and voting processes.

**Members who desire to participate in the membership meeting virtually and vote electronically are required to sign and return the attached Consent to Electronic Transmissions, Meetings & Voting Form by November 24, 2021, consistent with the California Corporations Code.**

## Deadline & Changes

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The deadline for submitting the Voter Designation & Information Form is **Wednesday, November 24, 2021**. While this form identifies both a voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate for the ACWA member agency, if for any reason the member agency desires for the alternate voting delegate to vote at the election in place of its designated voting delegate, the member agency must notify ACWA in advance of its exchange of voting delegates by contacting the Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at [donna@acwa.com](mailto:donna@acwa.com) or 916-441-4545 **no later than Monday, November 29, 2021**. Staff will then provide the member agency's alternate voter with the Zoom and Live-Tally access/participant information if the voter is participating virtually.

## ACWA General Session Desk

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ACWA staff will be available at the **ACWA General Session Desk**, located in the Ballroom Lobby of the Pasadena Convention Center, on **Wednesday, December 1**, between **9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.** to answer questions about the membership meeting and election process.

**In-person voters need to check in at the ACWA General Session Desk on Wednesday, December 1, between 10:30 and 11:45 a.m. to pick up handheld keypads.**

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at 916-441-4545 or [donna@acwa.com](mailto:donna@acwa.com).

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Attachments:

1. Membership Meeting & Election Procedures
2. Voter Designation & Information Form
3. Consent to Electronic Transmission, Meetings & Voting Form

The following information is provided to inform the ACWA member agency voting delegates of the meeting and election procedures to be used in the upcoming General Session Membership Meeting scheduled for December 1, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to formally nominate and elect ACWA's President and Vice President for the 2022-2023 term. The in-person meeting will be held in Ballroom D-H of the Pasadena Convention Center. Virtual voting delegates will participate via Zoom. Staff will provide the Zoom access information to the virtual voting delegates upon receipt of the Voter Designation & Information Form and the member agency's Consent to Electronic Transmissions, Meetings & Voting Form. Members who wish to attend the membership meeting virtually as a non-voting participant can obtain the registration link by contacting Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at [donnap@acwa.com](mailto:donnap@acwa.com) or 916-441-4545 to confirm their member agency has submitted the requisite Consent to Electronic Transmissions, Meetings & Voting Form.

## ELECTION / VOTING PROCESS

ACWA will be using a voting system called Live-Tally, which will allow voters to vote either in person using a handheld keypad OR virtually through an online keypad (which uses any modern web browser on a computer, tablet or smart phone). **Voters must be present at the membership meeting, either in person or virtually, to vote.**

Consistent with ACWA's Bylaws, Article 9, Section 5, "each member of the Association shall be entitled to one vote that shall be cast by its authorized representative."

- Member agencies must indicate their voting representative and alternate on the Voter Designation & Information Form.
- Member agencies must indicate if their voting representative/alternate is attending in person or virtually as well as provide all of the information identified on the form in order for ACWA to facilitate all aspects of the membership meeting and voting processes.

**Members who desire to participate in the membership meeting virtually and vote electronically are required to sign and return the Consent to Electronic Transmissions, Meetings & Voting Form by November 24, 2021, consistent with the California Corporations Code.**

### VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

Virtual attendees need to take the following steps after the member agency has completed and returned the Voter Designation & Information Form and requisite Consent to Electronic Transmissions, Meetings & Voting Form.

1. Voting delegates need to **save the Zoom access/login information** ACWA staff will provide to you. Save the information for the day of the meeting. **Use that information to login to the virtual meeting**, which is how ACWA will identify you as a participant.
2. Voting delegates need to **save the Live-Tally Participant ID information** ACWA staff will provide to you, which is how Live-Tally will identify you as the member agency voter.

### IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

In-person attendees need to take the following steps after completing and returning the Voter Designation & Information Form:

1. Check in at the ACWA General Session Desk, located in the Ballroom Lobby of the Pasadena Convention Center, on **Wednesday, December 1**, between **10:30 and 11:45 a.m.** to pick up handheld keypads.
2. Voting delegates **must be present to vote** and **MUST** have the handheld keypad prior to the start of the membership meeting.

### DEADLINE & CHANGES

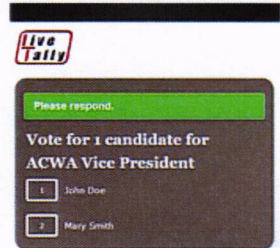
The deadline for submitting the **Voter Designation & Information Form** is Wednesday, **November 24, 2021**. If there is any change of your agency's voting delegate with its designated alternate, you must contact ACWA's Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at [donnap@acwa.com](mailto:donnap@acwa.com) or 916-441-4545 no later than Monday, November 29, 2021. Staff will provide the alternate voter with the Zoom and Live-Tally access/participant information if the voter is participating virtually.

1. The General Session Membership Meeting will be called to order at 12:00 p.m. and a quorum will be determined. The presence of 50 authorized voting representatives is required to establish a quorum for transacting business.
2. An overview of the Zoom platform will be provided, including demonstration of how the virtual meeting participants can interact throughout the meeting.
3. An overview of the Live-Tally voting system will be provided and a test vote will be conducted.
4. Legal Affairs Committee Chair Jennifer Buckman will provide an overview of the agenda and election procedures.
5. Nominating Committee Chair Brent Hastey will present the Committee's report and announce the candidate for ACWA President.
6. President Steven LaMar will call for floor nominations for ACWA President.
7. If there are no floor nominations for ACWA President, the election will proceed. President LaMar will close the nominations and delegates will vote following motion/second to elect the Nominating Committee's recommendation using Live-Tally.
8. If there are floor nominations for President, the nomination will follow the procedures established by Article 9 of ACWA's Bylaws, stating that floor nominations and seconds shall be made by a member of the Association and must be supported by a resolution of the governing body of the member making and seconding such nomination. The member agency on whose board the nominee serves shall submit a resolution of support if they are not the agency making the floor nomination or second.
  - a. **Resolutions to facilitate floor nominations must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at [donna@acwa.com](mailto:donna@acwa.com) by COB Wednesday, November 24, 2021.**
  - b. Candidates will be given three minutes to address the membership.
  - c. Staff will create a ballot in the Live-Tally system and then display for the voters' action.
  - d. Voting delegates will vote on one (1) candidate of the candidate options displayed on the screen using the handheld OR online keypad in the Live-Tally voting system. Results will be displayed in real time.
  - e. President LaMar will announce the results of the vote.
9. Nominating Committee Chair Brent Hastey will announce the candidate for ACWA Vice President.
10. President Steven LaMar will call for floor nominations for ACWA Vice President.
11. If there are no floor nominations for ACWA Vice President, the election will proceed. President LaMar will close the nominations and delegates will vote following motion/second to elect the Nominating Committee's recommendation using Live-Tally.
12. If there are floor nominations for ACWA Vice President, the nominations will follow the procedures described in item 6 above, and the election will proceed according to the steps outlined in 6.a. through 6.e.
13. The ACWA Board of Directors appointed LAC Chair Jennifer Buckman to serve as an election inspector to resolve any challenges or questions in connection with the election consistent with California Corporations Code 7614.

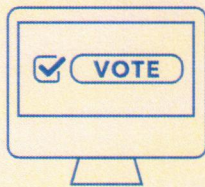
California Corporations Code requires ACWA to maintain a voting record of its membership meetings.

When the members are ready to vote, the President will announce that it is time to vote (instructions will appear on the projection screen).

- **How do I submit my vote?** Press 1, 2, or 3 to cast your vote; then press SEND.
- **What happens if I make a mistake?** Re-submit your vote by pressing 1, 2, or 3 and send before the voting window ends.
- **What if I arrive late?** Your vote will be cast from the time you arrive at the meeting; prior to that your vote will register as "absent."
- **What happens if I am out of the room or have to leave early?** Your vote will be recorded as "absent" for that vote.



**Test voting will be conducted at the beginning of the Membership Meeting.**



**VIRTUAL VOTING**

Each voting delegate will be provided access to voting through Live-Tally's voting system. If you are attending the meeting virtually, follow the instructions listed below.

1. Use any modern web browser on a computer, tablet or smart phone to navigate to <https://MyBallot.app>
2. Enter the meeting ID "ACWA" and click the "Connect" button.
3. When prompted, enter the specific voting participant ID that was provided to you.
4. Voting questions will appear on this "virtual keypad" as they are presented.
  - Simply click the numbered button that corresponds to your choice.
  - **To change your vote**, make a different selection before the voting window ends.
5. Hit refresh if your browser or virtual keypad goes to "sleep."



**IN-PERSON VOTING**

If you are attending the meeting in person, you will be given a handheld keypad. Each handheld keypad is numbered on the back, and that number will be assigned to you as you check in at the ACWA General Session Desk on **Wednesday, December 1 between 10:30 and 11:45 a.m.**

- **Check your device to make sure that it is working properly.** Press any button and it will light up. All devices were tested prior to the meeting.
- **If it does not light up.** Take it back to the ACWA General Session Desk and ask for another keypad and make sure that they make a note of the numeric change.



**Return your keypad to the ACWA General Session Desk.**

**To:** Donna Pangborn, Clerk of the Board

**Email:** donnap@acwa.com

**Fax:** 916-669-2425

The person designated below will be attending the ACWA General Session Membership Meeting(s) on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 (and December 2, 2021 if necessary) as our voting delegate. Please designate an alternate voting delegate to facilitate any change to your voting representation at the meeting. To change your alternate, however, you must notify Donna Pangborn of the change no later than COB Monday, November 29, 2021.

Member Agency's Name

Agency's Phone No.

Print Member Agency's Authorized Signatory Name

Authorized Signatory Signature

**I have signed and returned the Consent to Electronic Transmission, Meetings & Voting Form.**

Voting Delegate's Name	How Will Delegate Attend? <input type="checkbox"/> Will attend the meeting in person in Pasadena. <input type="checkbox"/> Will attend the meeting virtually.
Voting Delegate's Email	Voting Delegates' Phone No.
Alternate Voting Delegate's Name	How Will Alternate Delegate Attend? <input type="checkbox"/> Will attend the meeting in person in Pasadena. <input type="checkbox"/> Will attend the meeting virtually.
Alternate Voting Delegate's Email	Alternate Voting Delegates' Phone No.
Voting Delegate's Affiliation <i>(if different from assigning agency)*</i>	Date

\*If your agency designates a delegate from another entity to serve as its authorized voting representative, please indicate the delegate's entity in the appropriate space above.

In accordance with California Corporations Code Sections 20, 21, 5079 and subsections (a) and (f) of Section 7510, and Article 9 of the Bylaws of the Association of California Water Agencies, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation ("ACWA"), the undersigned member of ACWA (the "Member") hereby consents and agrees as follows:

1. ACWA may send meeting notices, annual reports, and all other materials to the Member by (a) electronic transmission to the Member's facsimile number or email address; (b) posting on an electronic message board or network which ACWA has designated for those communications, together with separate notice to the Member of the posting; or (c) other means of electronic communication. The Member's initial facsimile number and email address for receiving such notices, annual reports and other materials are listed below.
2. ACWA may conduct meetings of the members by electronic transmission or electronic video screen communication; provided, however, that if fewer than all members of ACWA consent to conduct such meetings by electronic transmission or electronic video screen communication, then such meetings shall be held at a physical location, and the authorized representative(s) of any member that has so consented (and not withdrawn its consent) may participate in such meetings by electronic transmission or electronic video screen communication, be deemed present in person and vote at such meetings.
3. ACWA may rely on communications sent by the Member to ACWA by (a) electronic transmission from the Member's facsimile number or email address; (b) posting on an electronic message board or network which ACWA has designated for those communications; or (c) other means of electronic communication. ACWA may reasonably conclude that the Member is the sender of any electronic transmission that (i) is received from such facsimile number or email address or (ii) is submitted by an authorized representative of the Member with valid registration/login credentials.
4. ACWA may rely on electronic votes (including votes to approve or reject actions) submitted by an authorized representative of the Member to ACWA during meetings conducted in whole or in part by electronic transmission or electronic video screen communication. ACWA may reasonably conclude that the authorized representative of the Member is the sender of any electronic votes submitted pursuant to such authorized representative's meeting participant ID. The Member's initial authorized representative(s) is listed below.

ACWA shall maintain paper records of all communications sent by ACWA to the members and all votes or actions taken at any member meeting. The Member may (i) access such records at ACWA's headquarters during normal business hours or (ii) request in writing for ACWA to send copies of such records to the Member via U.S. Mail or email.

This consent shall remain in full force and effect until the Member revokes it in writing and so notifies ACWA.

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Print Member Name

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Print Representative Name

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Representative Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please provide the facsimile number and email address to which the Member authorizes ACWA to send the electronic communications described above. The Member may change its designated facsimile number and email address at any time by written notice to ACWA.

Please provide the name of the Member's initial authorized representative(s) who will participate in and vote in connection with member meetings. The Member may change its authorized representative(s) at any time by written notice to ACWA.

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Facsimile Number

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Authorized Representative No. 1

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Email

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Authorized Representative No. 2