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To the Board of Directors of the Crestline Village Water District,

Thank you for allowing me to attend the ACWA 2018 Fall Conference and Exhibition. It was a tremendous opportunity for me to learn so much about the water situation in California. When I applied to be appointed to the Board I believed that I was a candidate that was aware of the issues and concerns that the Board would be facing I supplying water to the residents of Crestline. I, thank you for the opportunity to serve the residents of our community.

Session --Tuesday, November 27—10:00 am-11:30 am

ACWA JPIA: Staying Out of Hot Water: Understanding Your Role as a Board Member

The session was an over view of Board Members responsibilities and our specific roles as elected officials of a water agency.

Session —Tuesday November 27--1:30 pm-3:30 pm

ACWA JPIA: Sexual Harassment Prevention for Board Members and Managers

I went to this class to get my required training for sexual harassment. The Program had the time listed as 1:30, unfortunately I missed the verbal announcement of an earlier start of 1:15. So I attended the class but did not receive a Certificate.

Tuesday evening I attended the Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall. This was an excellent time to meet new people and visit the Booths of the vendors who were from all over the United States.

Wednesday morning began with an Opening Breakfast, and the Presentation of the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award to Richard Schaffer. Richard has spent over 60 years to the conservation and sustainability of water supplies in California.

The morning Breakfast Speaker was Karla Nemeth. She is the Director of the California Department of Water Resources. She was an excellent speaker looking at what's in store for the California Water Industry in 2019.

Session — Wednesday-November 28—10:00 am-11:30 am

Statewide Issues Forum: The Next Administration's Water Agenda – Viewpoints on What Should and Should Not be the Course of Action

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We looked at what the new Governor may be looking at regards to this State's most valuable resource.

Wednesday's Lunch:

The Keynote Speaker was Wade Crowfoot, the Chief Executive Officer of the Water Foundation. He presented his perspective on where our new Governor might be heading water-wise.

Session — Wednesday, November 28—2:00 pm-3:15 pm

Statewide Water Issues Forum: Groundwater Recharge: Identifying and Removing the Barriers

Tim Quinn ACWA Executive Director led a panel discussion on the need to increase groundwater sustainability and replenishment.

Session — Wednesday, November 28—3:30-4:45 pm

Statewide Issues Forum: Making Water Use Data and Technology a California Way of Life

This discussion centered around how Agencies adhere to new water use efficiency tools. We discussed innovative tools to reduce the use of water.

Session — Thursday, November 29—9:30 am-11:45 am

Ethics Training: Conduct and Ethics Training for Water Agency Officials: A Primer on AB 1234

This session met the Ethics requirement for our Agency. Being in a group setting with others was far superior than taking the on-line class by myself.

Luncheon Thursday, November 29—11:45 am-1:45 pm

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Keynote Speaker was Brenda Burman. She is the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner. The Bureau of Reclamation is under the Department of the Interior and operates the Central Valley Project and the Hoover Dam and is the largest wholesale water provider in the country.

Session — Thursday, November 29 2:00 pm-3:15 pm

Statewide Issues Forum: Safe and Affordable Drinking Water – Can the State and Stakeholders Collaborate and Reach Consensus?

State law sets a policy of the human right to safe and affordable water. What does this mean?

Dinner Thursday, November 29 – Tim Quinn’s Retirement Celebration

Tim Quinn has served as the ACWA Executive Director for the last 11 years. I wish I had an opportunity to meet and work with him prior to his retirement. He is an amazing leader that has motivated the Water Agencies of California. It was a wonderful evening of celebration aboard the U.S.S. Midway.

Breakfast, Friday, November 30 – 8:00 am -9:30 am

The morning Speaker was Andy Sells, the Chief Executive Officer, ACWA JPIA. The legislative advocates of ACWA-JPIA reviewed where they believe the State and Federal Government are heading on water issues.

Thank you to the members of the Board and the Administration of the Crestline village Water District for allowing me to represent you at this Conference. I truly had a spectacular time and believe that my experience and the knowledge I gained will make me a more valuable asset to the District.

Bob Kinzel

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