

MEMO

To: Board of Directors From: Steven Farrell

Feb 11, 2016

Date:

Subject: Report on ACWA Region 9 Board Meeting – Feb 8, 2016

On Feb 8, 2015, I attended the first meeting of ACWA's 2016/2017 Region 9 board.

As you know, Region 9 encompasses the Riverside, San Bernardino and Imperial Counties, and represents at least 46 ACWA-member water agencies. (One of the questions raised during our meeting was what the exact number actually is.)

This first meeting was primarily focused on administrative responsibilities which included an overview (by Brandon Ida, our regional affairs representative) of ACWA's internal governance and operating structure, member assignments from Region 9 to the various ACWA committees, and a review and discussion of the roles, purposes, goals and plans for Region 9 for the next two years.

I have attached the agenda for the meeting which should provide a convenient brief of our discussions. We met at the very impressive new facilities of the East Valley Water District in Highland, hosted by James Morales, president of the EVWD and returning member of the Region 9 committee.

Patrick O'Dowd of the Coachella Valley Water District is our new Chair.

Kathy Tiegs, ACWA's current President (from the Cucamonga Valley Water District) also attended our meeting.

Somewhat to my surprise, I was not the only member who came to the meeting a bit vague on the normal process of the Region's business. We did not receive any material beyond the agenda prior to the meeting, and I was concerned about being properly prepared. I needn't have worried.

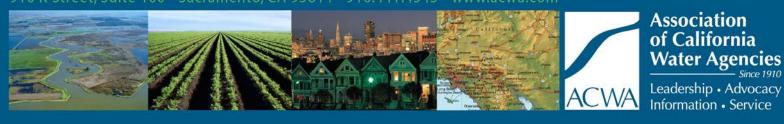
Collectively, we asked several questions about our role and charter, and the normal process of regional business. My impression of the group is very positive. The good news and takeaway is that all seemed genuinely interested in more proactively engaging membership this term and looking to improve communication

Our first challenges are to select, prepare, and host a Region 9 session at the Spring conference in Monterey. We are exchanging ideas via email and will be holding a teleconference on Feb 18 to finalize a decision.

Secondly, we will be consider hosting a local regional event sometime this summer or fall. Last September Region 9 held a very successful forum about the drought.

I welcome any suggestions you may have about hosting events or creating topic sessions that would be meaningful to you. It is my hope to contribute to our region by bringing meaningful attention and/or support to the needs of water districts like ourselves. Not everyone has the capacities of the larger purveyors.

And of course any questions you may have about ACWA itself, I will be pleased to answer or discover.



ACWA Region 9 Board 2016-2017

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ACWA REGION 9 BOARD MEETING / ORIENTATION February 8, 2016 | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. East Valley Water District, 31111 Greenspot Road, Highland, CA 92346

AGENDA

I. Call to Order, Welcome

Chair Patrick O'Dowd

II. 2016-17 Board Orientation

Brandon Ida

III. Region 9 Rules & Regulations

IV. Appointments

Board

Ida

- Alternate Chair/Vice Chair
- Outreach Captain
- Committee Reporters
 - o Business Development
 - o Communications
 - Energy
 - o Federal Affairs
 - o Finance
 - o Groundwater

- o Legal Affairs
- o Local Government
- o Membership
- o State Legislative
- Water Management
- Water Quality
- V. Develop 2016-2017 Region 9 Work Plan

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VI. Discuss Potential 2016 Region Activities

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- Conference Calls
- Board Meetings
- Spring Conference Program
- Region Events
- VII. Discussion on Local and Regional Issues

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- El Nino
- VIII. Additional Discussion Items

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Informational Items / Handout Materials:

See material packet

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