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# ACWA ADVISORY

ACWA ELECTIONS  
**Sept. 27, 2023**

## ACWA Board Officers' Election and Region Election Results Announced for the 2024-'25 Term

The polls have closed, the ballots have been counted and the ACWA Board officers' election and region election results are in. The following newly elected ACWA President, Vice President and region officers and board members will begin their term of service on Jan. 1, 2024, and serve until Dec. 31, 2025.

### Board Officers' Election Results

Members of ACWA have elected Cathy Green as President and Ernesto "Ernie" Avila as Vice President.

Green, who currently serves as ACWA's Vice President, has served on the Orange County Water District Board of Directors since 2010 and currently serves as Vice Chair of the National Water Research Institute. Prior to Green's service on OCWD's Board, she was elected to two consecutive terms on the Huntington Beach City Council where she also served two terms as mayor. She succeeds outgoing ACWA President Pamela Tobin, who serves on the San Juan Water District Board of Directors.

Replacing Green as Vice President, Avila has served on the Contra Costa Water District Board of Directors since 2016 and currently serves as the Chair of ACWA's Local Government Committee. He has served as Director of Engineering at Contra Costa Water District and as General Manager of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

### Region Election Results

#### Region 1

**Chair:** Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager, Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District

**Vice Chair:** Jennifer Burke, Water Director, Santa Rosa Water

#### Board Members:

- Tamara Alaniz, General Manager, Brooktrails Township Community Services District
- Dennis Mayo, President, McKinleyville Community Services District
- David Rabbitt, Director, Sonoma Water
- J. Bruce Rupp, Director, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District

## Region 2

**Chair:** Eric F. Larrabee, Vice President, Western Canal Water District

**Vice Chair:** Josh Watkins, Water Utility Manager, City of Redding

**Board Members:**

- David Coxe, General Manager, Bella Vista Water District
- Sean Earley, General Manager, Richvale Irrigation District
- Adam Robin, Government Relations Manager, Yuba Water Agency
- Dean Sherrill, Regulatory Officer, Rio Alto Water District
- Tony Thomasy, Water Department Superintendent, City of Shasta Lake

## Region 3

**Chair:** Larry McKenney, General Manager, Amador Water Agency

**Vice Chair:** Michael Saunders, Director, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District

**Board Members:**

- Jim Abercrombie, General Manager, El Dorado Irrigation District
- Sean Barclay, General Manager, Tahoe City Public Utility District
- Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, Nevada Irrigation District
- Michael Minkler, General Manager, Calaveras County Water District
- Jessica Self, General Manager, Union Public Utility District

## Region 4

**Chair:** Brian Sanders, Policy & Legislative Specialist, City of Sacramento Department of Utilities

**Vice Chair:** Kristin Sicke, General Manager, Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

**Board Members:**

- Ronald Davis, Director, Carmichael Water District
- Cary Keaten, General Manager, Solano Irrigation District
- Thomas D. Orvis, President, Oakdale Irrigation District
- Andrew Watkins, Director, Stockton East Water District
- David Weisenberger, General Manager, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District

## Region 5

**Chair:** John L. Varela, Chair, Valley Water

**Vice Chair:** Sarah Palmer, Director, Zone 7 Water Agency

**Board Members:**

- Mary Bannister, Director, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency
- John Muller, President, Coastside County Water District
- John H. Weed, Director, Alameda County Water District
- Floyd Wicks, Director, Montecito Water District

## Region 6

**Chair:** Deanna Jackson, Executive Director, Tri-County Water Authority

**Vice Chair:** Sargeant J. Green, Director, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District

**Board Members:**

- Brian Davis, Director, Madera Irrigation District
- Ross Franson, Director, Westlands Water District
- Charlotte Gallock, Director of Water Resources, Kings River Conservation District
- Justin Rowe, Sr. Director Finance, Strategy & Govt. Affairs, Dudley Ridge Water District
- Darcy Villere, Director, Firebaugh Canal Water District

**Region 7**

**Chair:** Sheridan Nicholas, Engineer-Manger, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

**Vice Chair:** Tom Barcellos, President, Lower Tule River Irrigation District

**Board Members:**

- Johnny Amaral, Chief of External Affairs, Friant Water Authority
- Byron Glennan, President, Rosamond Community Services District
- Kris Lawrence, General Manager, Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District
- Thomas Neisler, General Manager, Tehachapi Cummings County Water District
- Trenton Taylor, Water Resources Manager, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District

**Region 8**

**Chair:** Anthony R. Fellow, Vice President, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water

**Vice Chair:** William Cooper, Director, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

**Board Members:**

- Frank Colcord, Director, Foothill Municipal Water District
- Robert Lewis, Director, Rowland Water District
- John T. Morris, Director, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Leonard E. Polan, Director, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
- Scott Quady, Director, Calleguas Municipal Water District

**Region 9**

**Chair:** G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director, Salton Sea Authority

**Vice Chair:** Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady, Vice President, Rancho California Water District

**Board Members:**

- Brenda Dennstedt, Director, Western Municipal Water District
- Gina Dockstader, Director, Imperial Irrigation District
- James Morales Jr., Vice Chairman, East Valley Water District
- Paul Ortega, President, Desert Water Agency
- Harvey Ryan, Director, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

**Region 10**

**Chair:** Dana Frieauf, Director, Santa Fe Irrigation District

**Vice Chair:** Charles T. Gibson, Director, Santa Margarita Water District

**Board Members:**

- Jennifer DeMeo, Vice President, Fallbrook Public Utility District
- Marice H. DePasquale, Vice President, Mesa Water District
- Jose Martinez, General Manager, Otay Water District
- George Murdoch, Vice President, East Orange County Water District
- Deborah Neev, Commissioner, Laguna Beach County Water District

### Questions

For detailed election results, visit [www.acwa.com/elections](http://www.acwa.com/elections).

For questions about the Board officers' election, please contact ACWA Senior Clerk of the Board [Donna Pangborn](#) at 916-669-2425.

For questions about the region elections, please call (916) 441-4545 or contact your ACWA regional affairs representative.

- Regions 1, 3 & 5: [Jennifer Rotz](#)
- Region 4: [Ana Javid](#)
- Regions 2, 6 & 7: [Michael Cervantes](#)
- Regions 8, 9 & 10: [Sarah Hodge](#)

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You are cordially invited to the

# 38th Annual San Joaquin County Agricultural Hall of Fame

## Location

Robert J. Cabral Ag Center  
2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton, CA 95206

## Date

Thursday, October 19, 2023

## Time

5:30 p.m. No-Host Social | 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Program

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## 2023 Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductees

Dr. Marit Arana, *A.L. Gilbert Company*

Eugene (Gene) Wallom, *Lodi Farming, Inc.*

Marden Wilbur, *Lane Ranches*

Edward Alfred Zuckerman, *Zuckerman Family Farms*

Marc R. Marchini, *(Posthumous)*

Chester "Bud" Rolland Murphy, *(Posthumous)*

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