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AGENDA
MESA WATER DISTRICT
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 3, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
Panian Conference Room

Committee Members: Marice H. DePasquale, President
Shawn Dewane, Vice President
Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Denise Khalifa, Chief Administrative Officer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Items Not on the Agenda: Members of the public are invited to address the Board regarding items which are not appearing on the posted agenda. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. The Executive Committee will set aside 30 minutes for public comments for items not appearing on the posted agenda.

Items on the Agenda: Members of the public shall be permitted to comment on agenda items before action is taken, or after the Executive Committee has discussed the item. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. The Executive Committee will set aside 60 minutes for public comments for items appearing on the posted agenda.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Items recommended for approval at this meeting may be agendized for approval at a future Board meeting.

1. Pool Cover Rebate Program

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority Executive Committee Election Concurring Nomination

REPORTS:

3. Future Agenda Topics
4. Report of the General Manager
5. Directors' Reports and Comments



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ADJOURNMENT



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
DATE: March 3, 2025
SUBJECT: Pool Cover Rebate Program

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for discussion.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #1: Provide an abundant, local, reliable and safe water supply.

Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.

Goal #4: Increase favorable opinion of Mesa Water.

Goal #6: Provide excellent customer service.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

At its May 14, 2015 meeting, the Board of Directors (Board) conducted a Public Hearing regarding the District's Water Conservation and Water Supply Emergency Program, and received a presentation which introduced a new pool cover incentive pilot program. The Board adopted Ordinance No. 26 Water Conservation and Water Supply Emergency Program, Rescinding Ordinance Nos. 8, 19 and 24 with the following amendments: 1) combining the language regarding pools and spas into section 9.4 which changes the level from 2 to level 3; and 2) Section 9.5 *No New Potable Water Service* – the restriction would not be attributed to properties with current meters.

BACKGROUND

Mesa Water District's (Mesa Water®) Pool Cover Incentive Pilot Program was first introduced to the Board at its May 14, 2015 meeting under the Public Hearing regarding Water Conservation and Water Supply Emergency Program and the correlating Drought-Reach Campaign extension. The Pilot Program offered customers a \$50 credit on their bill for obtaining a pool cover and was retroactive to April 1, 2015. There were many members of the public present and the Board heard numerous comments regarding concerns about pools. At that May 14th meeting, the Board voted to modify the recommended motion to move the initial filling of new pools and spas from Level 2 to Level 3 Water Supply Shortage. Mesa Water never progressed to Level 3.

Throughout 2015, Mesa Water rebates - including the pool cover incentive - were presented to the Board as part of the Water Conservation Program and Drought Reach Campaign. In November 2015, in a presentation regarding Water Use Efficiency, the pool cover rebate program debuted as a new program, no longer just a pilot incentive - posted and offered as one of the rebates available on the District's website. The November/December 2015 newsletter outlined the specific qualifications for the pool cover rebate program, specifically noting that it was sponsored entirely by Mesa Water and now offered a one-time refund of \$50, not a bill credit.



In 2016, as a part of the General Manager’s Review under Strategic Goal #6: Provide Outstanding Customer Service, staff provided as an achievement, *"developed and implemented a rebate program for pool covers."*

In 2017, as a part of the State of the City event, Director Atkinson presented a slide on Mesa Water Rebates, including the pool cover rebate program.

DISCUSSION

This item has been agendized at the request of the Board.

Since 2015, there have been numerous mentions of the pool cover rebates in our newsletters, as well as on social media. Staff recently highlighted – in the leading story in the November/December 2024 newsletter – long-time customer Janice Daniello’s account of covering her spa after seeing the pool cover rebate section in our August/September 2024 newsletter.

Mesa Water has issued nearly 30 pool cover rebates since 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact for the discussion of this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
DATE: March 3, 2025
SUBJECT: Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority Executive Committee Election Concurring Nomination

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Board of Directors Adopt Resolution No. 1600 Concurring in Nomination of Melody McDonald to the Executive Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #4: Increase favorable opinion of Mesa Water.
Goal #7: Actively participate in regional and statewide water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

DISCUSSION

The Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority ([JPIA](#)) is seeking nominations for their next [Executive Committee](#). The elected Executive Committee members will serve a four-year term from May 2025 to May 2029.

This election will fill four Executive Committee member positions. There are four vacant positions with three incumbents as follows:

- Chris Kapheim, Kings River Conservation District
- Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
- Randall Reed, Cucamonga Valley Water District

[Director McDonald](#) has served on the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District ([SBVWCD](#)) since 1991, and she currently serves as Board President for SBVWCD. Additionally, Director McDonald currently serves as President of the JPIA Executive Committee, which she has served since 2001. Director McDonald has served on the JPIA Board since 1991, including serving as Chair of JPIA's Personnel Committee.

Per the [JPIA Nomination Procedures for Executive Committee](#), for a candidate to be considered, he/she must be a JPIA Director who represents a District that participates in all four JPIA programs: Liability, Property, Workers' Compensation, and Employee Benefits. The candidate must be endorsed by his/her district in the form of a nominating resolution, and the candidate must also receive concurring in nomination resolutions from three other JPIA members. The nominating and concurring in nomination resolutions and the candidate statement of qualifications must be submitted to JPIA by Saturday, April 12, 2025. Final notice of the upcoming Election of Executive Committee members will be included as part of the JPIA Board of Directors' packet for



its April 28, 2025, meeting. The Executive Committee election will take place during JPIA's Board of Directors' meeting to be held on May 12, 2025, at the Spring Membership Summit in Monterey, California.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Draft Resolution No. 1600

Attachment B: JPIA Correspondence

Attachment C: San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Correspondence

Attachment D: Candidate Statement of Qualifications

RESOLUTION NO. 1600

RESOLUTION OF THE MESA WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCURRING IN NOMINATION OF MELODY MCDONALD TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) is a county water district organized and operating pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the State of California (State or California); and

WHEREAS, Mesa Water is a member district of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA); and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to JPIA's Executive Committee, three member districts must concur with the nominating district; and

WHEREAS, another JPIA member district, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District has requested that Mesa Water concur in its nomination of its member of the JPIA Board of Directors to the Executive Committee of the JPIA.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MESA WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Directors of Mesa Water District that this district concur with the nomination of Melody McDonald of San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District to the Executive Committee of the JPIA.

Section 2. The District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082, forthwith.

ADOPTED, SIGNED, and APPROVED this 12th day of March 2025 by a roll call vote.

AYES: DIRECTORS:
NOES: DIRECTORS:
ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS:
ABSENT: DIRECTORS:

Marice H. DePasquale
President, Board of Directors

Denise Khalifa
District Secretary

ACWA JPIA

Nomination Procedures for Executive Committee

Approximately 120 Days before Election (January 10, 2025)

All ACWA JPIA Directors and Member Districts are to be notified of:

- A) Date and place of Election;
- B) Executive Committee positions and terms of office to be filled by Election;
- C) Nomination Procedures.

120 to 30 Days before Election (January 12 – Saturday, April 12, 2025)

- A) A district (that participates in all four of the JPIA's programs: Liability, Property, Workers' Compensation and Employee Benefits) may place into nomination its member of the Board of Directors of ACWA JPIA with the concurrence of three districts, then members of the ACWA JPIA, in addition to the nominating district.
- B) Sample resolutions are available on the ACWA JPIA website.
- C) The **district is solely responsible** for timely submission of the nominating resolution and the three additional concurring in nomination resolutions of its candidate for office.

30 Days before Election (April 12, 2025)

- A) Deadline and location for receiving the nominating and concurring in nomination resolutions in the ACWA JPIA office:

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Laura Baryak

Event Planner

(lbaryak@acwajpia.com)

ACWA JPIA

P. O. Box 619082

Roseville, CA 95661-9082

- B) Candidates' statement of qualifications must be submitted, if desired, with the nominating resolutions. The statement of qualifications must be submitted on one side of an 8½ x 11" sheet of paper suitable for reproduction and distribution to all districts. (MSWord or PDF documents preferred).

14 Days before Election (April 28, 2025)

Final notice of the upcoming Election of Executive Committee members will be included as part of the Board of Directors' meeting packet. Final notice shall include:

- A) Date, Time, and Place of Election;
- B) Name and District of all qualified candidates;
- C) Candidate's statement of qualifications (if received); and
- D) Election Procedures and Rules.



San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Helping Nature Store Our Water

Mesa Water District
Fred Bockmiller
JPIA Director
1965 Placentia Ave
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

February 3, 2025

Dear Fred Bockmiller,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (SBVWCD), we are honored to nominate our President, Melody McDonald, for re-election to the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA) Executive Committee. Enclosed, please find a certified copy of SBVWCD Resolution No. 626, formally supporting Mrs. McDonald's nomination.

For over three decades, Ms. McDonald has exemplified exceptional leadership, unwavering dedication to the water industry, and a steadfast commitment to risk management and training. Her unparalleled institutional knowledge and contributions to ACWA JPIA have earned her recognition as a cornerstone of its success.

Ms. McDonald's service to her community spans many critical aspects of the water sector:

- President, ACWA JPIA Board of Directors
- Member, ACWA JPIA Executive Committee (since 2001)
- Chair, ACWA JPIA Personnel Committee
- Director, ACWA JPIA (since 1991)
- President, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
- Director, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (since 1991)
- Member, ACWA State Legislative Committee
- Board Member, Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts

In addition to her ongoing roles, Ms. McDonald has previously served as Chair and Vice-Chair of the ACWA JPIA Liability, Property, and Workers Compensation Program committees. Notably, she spent eight years as Chair of the State of California Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board under a gubernatorial appointment from 1993 to 2000.

With over 32 years of experience in the water industry, Ms. McDonald's leadership has guided ACWA JPIA's remarkable growth, now managing assets exceeding \$244 million. In 2024, JPIA conducted 207 training classes and equipped more than 4,400 employees with essential skills to mitigate risks. Her guiding philosophy, "The best

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Richard Corneille

Division 2:
Mark E. Falcone

Division 3:
Robert Stewart

Division 4:
John Longville

Division 5:
Melody McDonald

GENERAL MANAGER

Betsy Miller

claim is the one that never happened,” underscores her commitment to proactive risk management and loss prevention—key drivers of ACWA JPIA’s success.

We respectfully request that your organization adopt a concurring resolution of nomination in support of Ms. McDonald. A sample resolution is enclosed for your convenience or can be accessed at ACWA JPIA [Election Page](#). Given the time-sensitive nature of this request, we kindly ask that it be included on your next Board meeting agenda.

Thank you for your consideration and support of Ms. McDonald’s candidacy. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 909-793-2503 or bmiller@sbcwcd.org.

Please send a certified copy of your resolution to:

ACWA/JPIA
Attention: Laura Baryak
ACWA JPIA
P.O. Box 619082
Roseville, CA 95661-9082
lbaryak@acwajpia.com

and

**San Bernardino Valley Water
Conservation District**
Attention: Allison Zecher
1630 W. Redlands Blvd. Suite A
Redlands, CA 92374
azecher@sbcwcd.org

This resolution must be received by ACWA/JPIA no later than 4:30 pm Friday, April 11, 2025.

Sincerely,

Betsy Miller
General Manager

Enclosures:

1. SBVWCD Resolution No. 626
2. Statement of Qualifications
3. Sample Concurring Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 626

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOMINATING ITS ACWA/JPIA BOARD
MEMBER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY ("ACWA/JPIA")**

WHEREAS, this District is a member district of the ACWA/JPIA that participates in all four of its Programs: Liability, Property, Workers' Compensation, and Employee Benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the ACWA/JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to ACWA/JPIA's Executive Committee, the member district must place into nomination its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors for such open position; and

WHEREAS, President McDonald has served District and the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee for many years and brings leadership experience and perspective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District that its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors, Melody McDonald, be nominated as a candidate for the Executive Committee for the election to be held at JPIA's Spring 2025 Conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ACWA/JPIA staff is hereby requested, upon receipt of the formal concurrence of three other member districts to affect such nomination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the ACWA/JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, California 95661-9082, forthwith.

ADOPTED this 13th day of November 2024.



Vice President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:


Secretary



Melody.sbvwd@gmail.com

**Melody
Henriques-McDonald**

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Candidate for:

**ACWA JPIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
(Incumbent, seeking re-election)



Melody & Board receiving, District of Distinction Award, the highest governance and best practices accreditation possible.

Kathleen Tieg, former Special Districts Board Member & ACWA President presenting. 2017

ASSOCIATIONS

Member, Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (Elected), Currently President, originally appointed in 1991, and first woman on the board.

Member, Executive Committee ACWA/JPIA

Chair, JPIA Liability Program Committee

Vice-Chair, Employee Benefits Committee

Director, ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Member ACWA Federal Affairs Committee

Board Member, Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts

Over 28 + Years, Experience in the Water Industry includes:

Past Member, (CWA) California Women for Agriculture

Past Member, ACWA Water Management Committee

Past Member, ACWA State Legislative Committee

Past Chair & Vice-Chair, JPIA Property & Workers Compensation Programs

Past Member, Board of Directors ACWA, Region 9 Chair

Past Chair, Water Management Certification Subcommittee

Chair, California Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region
8 Years of service, Gubernatorial Appointment 1993-2000

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Southwest Lift & Equipment, Inc. (Heavy Duty Vehicle Lifts)
Broker/Associate, Century 21 Lois Lauer Realty

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & LICENSES

Redlands Association of Realtors
California Real Estate Broker's License
Arizona Real Estate Broker's License

ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES

Highland Chamber of Commerce
San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce
Immanuel Baptist Church Highland, CA
BSF International

EDUCATION

San Geronio High School, 1976
Western Real Estate School, 1989
Graduate, Special Districts Board Management Institute, 1997
Studied at Crafton Hills College



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
DATE: March 3, 2025
SUBJECT: Future Agenda Topics

RECOMMENDATION

Review future agenda topics.

STRATEGIC PLAN

- Goal #1: Provide an abundant, local, reliable and safe water supply.
- Goal #2: Perpetually renew and improve our infrastructure.
- Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.
- Goal #4: Increase favorable opinion of Mesa Water.
- Goal #5: Attract, develop and retain skilled employees.
- Goal #6: Provide excellent customer service.
- Goal #7: Actively participate in regional and statewide water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

DISCUSSION

Staff will provide a list of future agenda topics at the Executive Committee meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

REPORTS:

4. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS:

5. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS