



MEMORANDUM

TO: SLDMWA Finance and Administration Committee, Alternates
SLDMWA Board of Directors, Alternates

FROM: Federico Barajas, Executive Director

DATE: February 6, 2023

RE: Appointment of Representatives to the Association of California Water Agencies - Joint Powers Insurance Authority Board of Directors

BACKGROUND

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) is a member of the Association of California Water Agencies - Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA-JPIA) for all of its insurance coverage including employee health, workers' compensation, and liability. The SLDMWA Board of Directors had previously appointed Rick Gilmore, when he was Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC), to serve as SLDMWA's representative on the ACWA-JPIA Board of Directors. The ACWA-JPIA Bylaws also require SLDMWA to appoint an alternate ACWA-JPIA Director.

ISSUE FOR DECISION

Whether the FAC should recommend, and the Board of Directors should appoint representatives to the ACWA-JPIA Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the FAC discuss and then recommend a Director to serve as SLDMWA's ACWA-JPIA Director, and Laures Stiles as the alternate ACWA-JPIA Director. Staff recommends Board adoption of the FAC recommendation.

ANALYSIS

Article II, Section 1 of the ACWA-JPIA bylaws state in relevant part:

The Board of Directors shall be composed of one representative from each Member of the Authority, who shall be a member of the governing board thereof selected by the governing board of that Member.... Each Member shall also appoint at least one alternate, who shall be an officer, member of the governing board or employee of that Member. The alternate may vote, but only in the absence of the regular representative.

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Thus, SLDMWA's ACWA-JPIA Director must be a SLDMWA Director, but the alternate may be a Director, officer, or employee. Historically, the alternate position has been held by the SLDMWA HR Director. Staff has become aware that a former HR Director is listed as the alternate. Thus, staff recommends updating this by appointing Laures Stiles as the alternate.