



MEMORANDUM

TO: SLDMWA Water Resources Committee Members, Alternates
SLDMWA Board of Directors, Alternates

FROM: Federico Barajas, Executive Director

DATE: May 1, 2023

RE: Recommendation, Appointment of Representative to the State and Federal
Contractors Water Agency Board of Directors

BACKGROUND

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) has a vacant seat on the State and Federal Contractors Water Agency (SFCWA) Board of Directors. With the retirement of Rick Gilmore, the Board of Directors must appoint a new SLDMWA Director to serve on the SFCWA Board of Directors. As a reminder, the Water Authority is entitled to three director positions on the SFCWA Board of Directors and as such, Federico Barajas and Anthea Hansen will continue to serve as the Water Authority's second and third Directors on the SFCWA Board.

ISSUE FOR DECISION

Whether the Water Resources Committee should recommend, and the Board of Directors should appoint Ed Pattison as representative to the SFCWA Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the appointment of Ed Pattison as representative to the SFCWA Board of Directors to fill SLDMWA's vacant SFCWA Director seat.

ANALYSIS

Article III, Section 2 of the SFCWA bylaws state in relevant part:

. . . . Each Director of the Agency shall be a director, officer, or employee of the appointing member agency ("Member"). For Members that are joint powers agencies, the Directors appointed by those Members may be directors, officers, or employees of the joint powers agency or of any public agency that is a member of that joint powers agency. . . .

Each Member, at the time it appoints its Director(s), shall appoint an Alternate who may sit as a Director in the absence of the Director for whom the individual is the Alternate. Alternates shall possess the same qualifications as Directors.

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Directors and Alternates shall have no fixed term of office, but each shall serve on the Board at the pleasure of the appointing Member and may be replaced at any time by the appointing Member by providing a written notice of replacement to the Secretary of the Agency.

When the Water Authority last appointed a SFCWA Director, in March 2021, it did so via formal action. Staff recommends continuation of this practice.