

October 26, 1998

**To:** Board of Directors (Executive Committee--Action)

**From:** General Manager \_\_\_\_\_

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Chief of Communications

**Subject:** Organizational Membership

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Board authorize payment of 1999 annual dues of \$13,420.00 for membership in the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Your Board has requested to act on institutional memberships when a dues increase exceeds 10 percent of the previous year's dues. The Association of California Water Agencies has requested dues for 1999 that exceed the 10 percent limit. The current year's dues are \$8,545.00.

### DETAILED REPORT

ACWA is the largest and oldest coalition of public water agencies in the state with principle concerns in the development, conservation, distribution and control of water both municipally and agriculturally. ACWA provides a forum for the exchange and dissemination of information and knowledge, to support or oppose proposed legislation affecting its concerns and proactively respond to legislation and regulations at both the federal and state level. The District's legislative offices in both Sacramento and Washington work closely with the ACWA staff. The District joined ACWA in March 1954.

District Board members and staff serve on many of the ACWA committees which have implemented a number of changes over the years. Five MWD directors are past presidents of ACWA. The Association has become a leader in water quality issues, impacting both state and federal water quality regulations. ACWA, playing a key role in the public affairs and communications arena, is dedicated to educating the public about a variety of water matters including Delta issues and the CALFED process.

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