



# ASSOCIATION OF WATER AGENCIES OF VENTURA COUNTY

December 30, 2024

SUBJECT: **Appointment to the Board of Directors** for Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWA) Volunteer Organization - Under AWA category "City Water Systems". Two (2) Seats Open

TO: City Selection Committee

This is to notify you that your current appointments to the AWA Board of Directors **expire on March 6, 2025**.

*Currently, the two appointed positions are held by Mayor Pedro Chavez, City of Santa Paula as "Director" and Vice Mayor David Tennesen, City of Camarillo as "Alternate" (as appointed by the City Selection Committee Jan. 12, 2022).*

There are no "Term-Limits", and the current Director Chavez and Alternate Tennesen have served the association with exceptional standards.

The "City Water Systems" seats **must be reappointed for the next (two-year) term of 2025/2026** with interested representatives from qualifying cities:

AWA is the only nonprofit organization **solely focusing and collaborating on water issues directly impacting Ventura County**. AWA designates a permanent seat on its 21-member Board of Directors for the category of "City Water Systems" which collectively encompasses all cities with population under 100,000 that are members in good standing with the Association. Currently, there are five (5) cities that meet the eligibility criteria: The City of Port Hueneme, City of Camarillo, City of Santa Paula, City of Ojai, City of Fillmore. (Note: the "Director" and the "Alternate" should be from two different cities.)

The "Director" must be an AWA member in good standing (via current City membership) and should be at the **policy-making level**. Directors shall exercise those powers necessary to execute policy as established by the General membership, and are eligible to serve on the Executive Committee as an officer of the association. The "Alternate" Director is encouraged to fully participate, is eligible to serve on the AWA Executive Committee as an officer of the association, is authorized to vote in the Director's absence at Board Meetings, and positioned to fulfill the term of "Director" in the event of a permanent absence of the Director.

There are six (6) Board Meetings per year. The Board typically meets at 3:00 PM on the first Thursday every-other month beginning January. (Board meetings are currently held hybrid: in-person in Oxnard, and via Zoom). Acceptance of an AWA Board member commits one to the following responsibilities:

a.) Reliably to attend Board of Directors meetings b.) Keep fully informed of AWA activities c.) Accept assignments to AWA committees d.) Department to reflect favorably on AWA and comply with AWA Code of Conduct/Ethics and, e.) Attend annual events and general membership meetings.

The AWA Board will confirm new appointments at their March 6, 2025 annual election meeting.

Attached, for more information, are the following supporting documents: **2025 Calendar of Events, 2024 Board of Directors** (Roster of all Categories/Seats held in 2024), as well as information on AWA's **Mission, Committees and Programs**. More information can be found on the AWA website at [www.awavc.net](http://www.awavc.net).

Thank you,  
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